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Paris, To-day.

THREE GERMAN PLANES which came over the front lines yesterday met with a rude reception, two being shot down, according to semi-official sources.

The planes appeared out of a clear sky and were greeted with hot fire from British anti-aircraft guns.

BELGIUM
TAKES
STEPS FOR
DEFENCE

Another neutral country has taken precautions against invasion, obviously directed against the possibility of an attempt by Germany to attack the Allies through their country.

Reuter reports from Brussels that in fresh steps taken by Belgium, evacuation of areas close to the frontier is envisaged.

Preparations to clear the area are said to have been completed, although the public has been informed that the measures are purely precautionary.

This follows similar steps in Holland, where five hundred towns and villages are affected, including the whole of the province of Utrecht, except the city of Utrecht.

It is reported that a small part of the province of Utrecht has already been flooded.

Switzerland has also taken precautionary measures.

GERMANS
FAIL IN S.
AFRICAN
CASE

Pretoria, To-day.

In the Supreme Court at Pretoria yesterday two Germans who are now in concentration camps applied for declarations that the South African Defence Act is illegal.

One of them, a member of German in South Africa, was represented by Mr. Oswald Brown, former Justice Minister.

In 1914, he said, the Government of South Africa, North-West and South-West Africa, had been declared illegal.

They turned for home and when over our front lines were engaged by five British fighters.

One Nazi machine was shot down from the air by machine-gun fire, a second was brought down by anti-aircraft fire and the third got away trailing a thick cloud of smoke.

The smoke may have been intended as a screen or the plane may have been badly hit.

The enemy bombers were Heinkel machines, which are used for long-range reconnaissance.

The fate of the crews is not known. — Reuter.

CHEAP
SNEER AND
SOME FACTS

London, To-day.

The Nazi radio broadcasts are trying to falsify Britain's loyalty to her allies with the cheap sneer that "Britain is ready to fight to the last Frenchman."

When they assert that Britain's policy in the last war was the same, they are falsifying history.

From 1914 to 1918, 1,393,388 Frenchmen lost their lives and 1,490,000 were wounded in defending their soil from the German invasion.

The British Empire lost 1,089,919 killed and 2,400,988 wounded.

It will be seen that while the Empire lost slightly fewer killed, our wounded were nearly a million more.

It is thus clear that the Nazi efforts to drive a wedge between Britain and France are futile.

Germans might well note that their own casualties in dead and wounded in the last war were over 2,000,000, and they might consider this tragic total before allowing themselves to be dragged by their leaders into another slaughter. — Reuter.

Mr. General Smuts, alleged that the Government was a danger to the State and that the other man had interfered with the safety of South Africa.

Mr. Justice Greenberg said he must take into account that in effect there had been invasions of States following the war.

His applications were rejected.

TURKEY AND
RUSSIA MAY
TALK AGAIN

London, To-day.

A message from Istanbul suggests that Turkey and Russia may resume their interrupted talks shortly, and that Rumania will join in the discussions.

The talks will possibly begin when the Rumanian Ambassador to Turkey returns to Istanbul from Bucharest, where he has been conferring with King Carol. — Reuter.

VISITORS
GIVEN RARE
PRIVILEGE

London, To-day.

Special privileges have been granted to any Dominion Ministers who may be in London during the war in allocating to them four places in the Members' own gallery in the House of Commons.

These were occupied for the first time yesterday when the Dominions and India representatives heard the

HITLER
GROWING
WORRIED

London, To-day.

The obvious urgency with which the German Ambassadors in Moscow and Rome have been summoned to Berlin, indicates the growing concern felt by the Fuehrer at Russian and Italian policy.

The "Daily Telegraph" commenting on developments, says that Italy's unrelenting hostility to Bolshevism is being regarded so seriously that, it is reported, Field Marshal Goering may be sent to Rome personally to try and bring about a change of attitude.

His task, it is suggested, will be to try and persuade Mussolini to realise the "wisdom" of the new Russo-German Pact.

He will carry a personal letter from Herr Hitler to Il Duce.

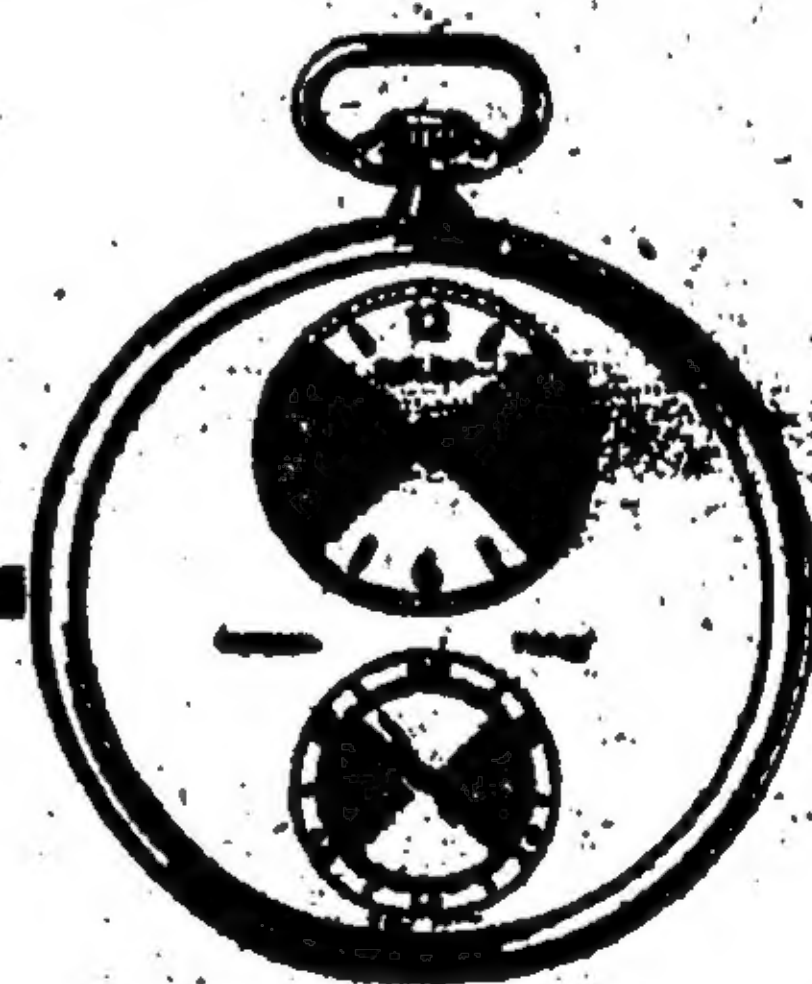
FURTHER DISMAY.

The Finnish issue has also caused further dismay in Germany.

The tide of public opinion continues to rise against Ribbentrop's policy towards the Soviet, which, it is now more than ever clear, is working out exclusively in favour of Russia.

A further increase in the Soviet's hold on Northern Europe will be regarded with the utmost disfavour by the German officer class which regarded any bargain with Communism as undesirable unless it provided much-needed military support. — Reuter.

Prime Minister's weekly review. — Reuter.



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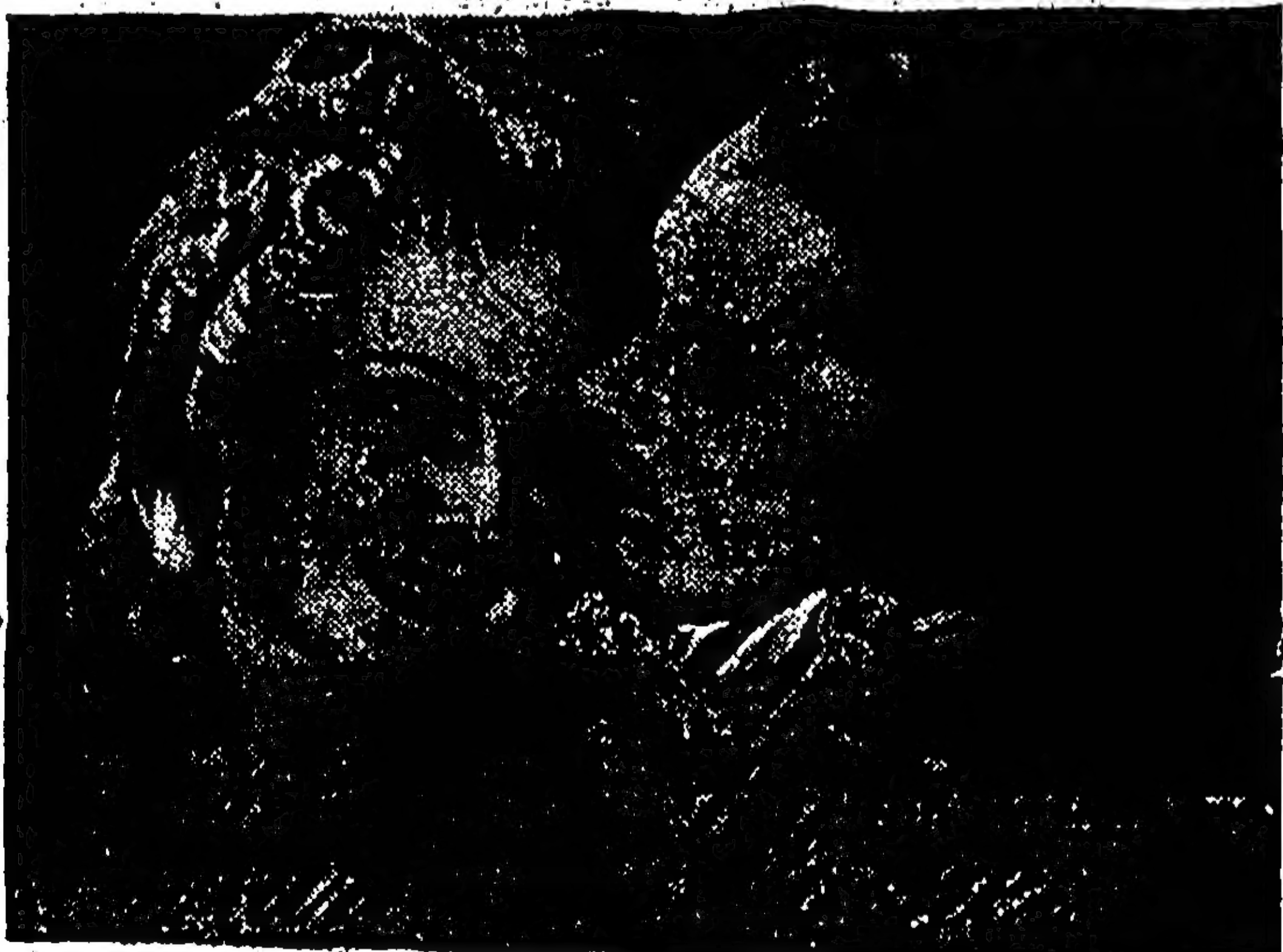
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The two-shift system has been abandoned and every London fireman is on duty, night and day, with an allowance of 30 hours leave per week which he can spend with his wife and family.

The London County Council area has been divided into six regions, each self-contained and under the command of a superintendent.

The "district" system, introduced by the famous Captain Sir Eyre Massey Shaw, has been practically abolished. The London which the fire brigade organiser of the 1880's could think of as one city has become for practical purposes six cities.

Supreme command of the Brigade is in the hands of Major F. W. Jackson, hitherto the deputy chief officer, who has taken over from Commander A. N. G. Firebrace, who has been "seconded" to A. R. P.

He has the assistance of five divisional officers, Messrs. Kerr, Field, Fordham, Hoare and Blackstone. Commandant Fordham is in charge of the 34,000 Auxiliary firemen and 5,000 Auxiliary firewomen who work as drivers and telephonists.

THREE THOUSAND TAXIS
The full-time auxiliaries set £3 a week. They are on duty day and night in 58 stations situated in garages, schools, and disused fire stations.

They are in charge of the trailer pumps attached to the 3,000 taxi-cabs hired by the L. C. C.

The message system has been changed. Instead of the code signals, Home Call, District Call, and Brigade Call, the messages are now Four-pump call, Eight-pump call, and Sixteen-pump call.

Auxiliary firemen are now on duty at fire alarm posts all over London, day and night. They are there to stop the practical joker. The war alone has not been enough to curb him.

WARNING SHOTS AT BRITISH SHIP

(SPECIAL WAR SERVICE)

Oslo, To-day.

It is revealed that Norwegian torpedo-boats on Wednesday stopped a British steamer off the West Coast of Norway.

They fired warning shots across her bow when she failed to respond to signals.

After a visit, the British vessel was allowed to proceed.—Reuter.

THE LATEST "WAR" COMMUNIQUE

(SPECIAL WAR SERVICE)

Paris, To-day.

The latest communique states: Patrols were active during the day between the Blies and the Rhine. — Reuter.

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GERMAN TANKER TRIES VAINLY TO ELUDE CRUISER

New York, To-day.

BEFORE SCUTTLING his ship, the master of the German tanker "Emmy Friedrich" resorted to several dodges in an effort to throw the British cruiser off the scent.

As previously reported, the tanker scuttled herself after being challenged by the cruiser.

Finding himself challenged by the cruiser on October 24 somewhere in the Caribbean, the German captain, who was running without lights, described himself as a neutral.

Asked why he had no lights he replied that he had had trouble with them.

Called on to stop he claimed that he had engine trouble.

When given a last warning he stopped his ship, and when a boarding party from the British cruiser went on board they were surprised to find the German crew standing by the lifeboats.

They were told that the cocks had been opened, the valves smashed and that the ship was sinking.

AN APPOINTMENT

It is assumed that the "Emmy Friedrich" had an appointment with a German warship somewhere in the Caribbean to refuel her.

The 4,300-ton tanker had on board 40,000 barrels of Mexican oil. — Reuter.

WANG FLIES TO TOKYO

Shanghai, To-day.

Wang Ching-wei, expelled Kuomintang leader, left by air for Tokyo yesterday morning, following a conference with Japanese military leaders on board the Japanese flagship "Idzumo."

All "Puppet" leaders under Wang are hastening preparations for the inauguration of the Japanese-supported new Central Government of China.—Our Own Correspondent.

OFFICERS ONLY FOR DURATION

London, To-day.

With certain exceptions, commissions granted in the present war would only be for the duration, announced the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

Certain selected officers who wished to make the Army their career would be allowed to retain their commissions after the war.

Those most suitable would be retained in the Service.

They included cadets before the war, officers of the Supplementary Reserve and the Territorial Army, qualified cadets and selected warrant officers. — Reuter.

Mr. P. T. Chen, director of the Economics Research Department of the Ministry of Finance, left Hong Kong for America by the Honolulu Clipper yesterday to attend the conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

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BRITAIN'S PEACE AIMS

LORD HALIFAX ON THE ISSUES AT STAKE: PURPOSE CLEAR, DIRECTION RIGHT

London, To-day.

IN THE COURSE of the debate in the House of Lords, Lord Halifax declared that the essential foundation to any progress towards peace must be confidence.

The confidence which the present German Government had destroyed must be repaired and they are the only people who can restore it. It is for them, not us, to consider how it can be done.

The definition of war aims concerned the Governments of the Dominions and Allies as well as Britain.

The time may come when it will be possible and right to define in greater detail the terms which would be held as fulfilment of the purposes for which we took up arms.

If our general purpose is clear and our direction is right and our people are united in defence of the principles in which they believe, we can reasonably be confident that the outcome will be made to correspond to the convictions of all who desire a better new world and which may enlist all nations on a basis of equality.

No individual government or country claimed to be the repository of wisdom.

PRIMARY AIM

London, To-day.

What would be the state of Europe at the end of the war depended upon the length and intensity of the struggle.

The primary aim was to win the war by defeating those who "have by their repeated violation of European order and threats to freedom, obliged us to take up arms." Instinctively, all wanted European men and women to have a chance of leading a decent and orderly life.

Nothing but good, Lord Halifax conceded, could come from contributions to the great problem of the future and every proposal ought to

be considered through which the hopes and aspirations of peoples could be brought nearer fulfilment.

"We should not desist from the task undertaken until we are convinced that we can secure conditions which, as far as is humanly possible, may protect the world against a repetition of the present tragedy.

"It is impossible to be precise as to when or how you may judge that to have been achieved."—Reuter, and British Wireless.

THE OTHER SIDE

Lord Halifax takes the 'war aims controversy' no farther, his argument apparently being that it is of little value to define intentions, except in general terms, the defence of the principle of freedom, until it is known for what conditions we have the peace-makers have to cater.

The other side contend that if Britain's aims are made crystal clear and, by devious means, made known to the German people, the end of hostilities may well be hastened by internal upheaval in Germany.

At the moment, the views of Lord Halifax are difficult to contest. But the time for restatement of our aims in detailed terms should not be too long postponed if we are to retain the benevolent neutrality, or active support, of those at present outside the conflict.

CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY OF JOURNALS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

UNDER EXISTING CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY, PRIVATE PERSONS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SEND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PRINTED MATTER TO INDIVIDUALS ABROAD.

This is why people in foreign countries are not receiving periodicals formerly sent them by friends in Britain.

Periodicals may be mailed abroad if ordered direct from a publishing house or newsmen. — Reuter.

BAD DRIVING

Mr. B. R. Iranee, of No. 1, Kennedy Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for failing to keep to the left of the road in Lower Albert Road near the Dairy Farm.

Mr. F. H. Loseby pleaded guilty, on behalf of the defendant.

Sergeant McInnes said defendant turned a corner on the right hand side of the road.

RECORD MALAYAN EXPORTS

Singapore, To-day.

The value of Malaya's exports in October will probably reach the record figure of £13,250,000. In October, 71,000 tons of rubber and 15,000 tons of tin were exported, the greater part to America.—Reuter.

PRISON WARNING

A WARNING THAT HE WOULD IMPOSE PRISON TERMS IN FUTURE CASES, WAS THIS MORNING ISSUED BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH WHEN TWO COOLIES, WONG CHEUK, 29, AND LO TUN, 24, WERE CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

They were placed on a \$10 bond to keep the peace for one year.

Inspector T. K. Whelan, prosecuting, said that at 6.30 a.m. yesterday, Leung Kam, a foki at Kennedy Town Market, who had a number of empty baskets with him when leaving the ferry, was told by accused that he must employ them to carry them. As Leung had two of his own coolies with him, he rejected the demand.

A quarrel ensued, resulting in general fighting, in which the Police intervened, arresting accused.

POLES AND JEWS SUFFER UNDER IRON NAZI HEEL

London, To-day.

MORE NEWS HAS COME from Paris and north-eastern Europe of the distress of Poles and Jews. In Berlin last night it was officially admitted that there have been many courts-martial and shootings in Poland.

Most of these have been in the Corridor, where the Poles were alleged by the Germans to have murdered members of the German minority before the war.

In Paris, it is learned that Poles in Gdynia were forced to leave their houses and flats to make way for Germans repatriated from Latvia.

The removal was supervised by the dreaded Gestapo, and families were only allowed to take 55 lbs. of luggage. It is not known where they have been taken.

In Kaunas, it is stated that several 100 Poles (including many who were members of the Polish secret organisation) and Jews have been arrested.—Reuter.



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Sir Kingsley Wood, the Secretary of State for Air, and Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, recently paid a visit to Royal Air Force Stations. Photo shows Sir John and Sir Kingsley Wood chatting with pilots who are in their working kit ready to take to the air at a moment's notice. (Air Mail Copyright).



Photograph taken after the wedding on Wednesday of Mr. Maurice B. Welli and Miss E. Rosenberg.

BLIND LEAD "NEW BLIND"

The blind are leading the "blind" in the black-out. All over England, sightless men and women, whose lives are one unbroken black-out, are guiding pedestrians who have lost their way in the darkness.

It is their chance to repay the sighted people for helping them through traffic, on and off buses, in and out of shops, during daylight.

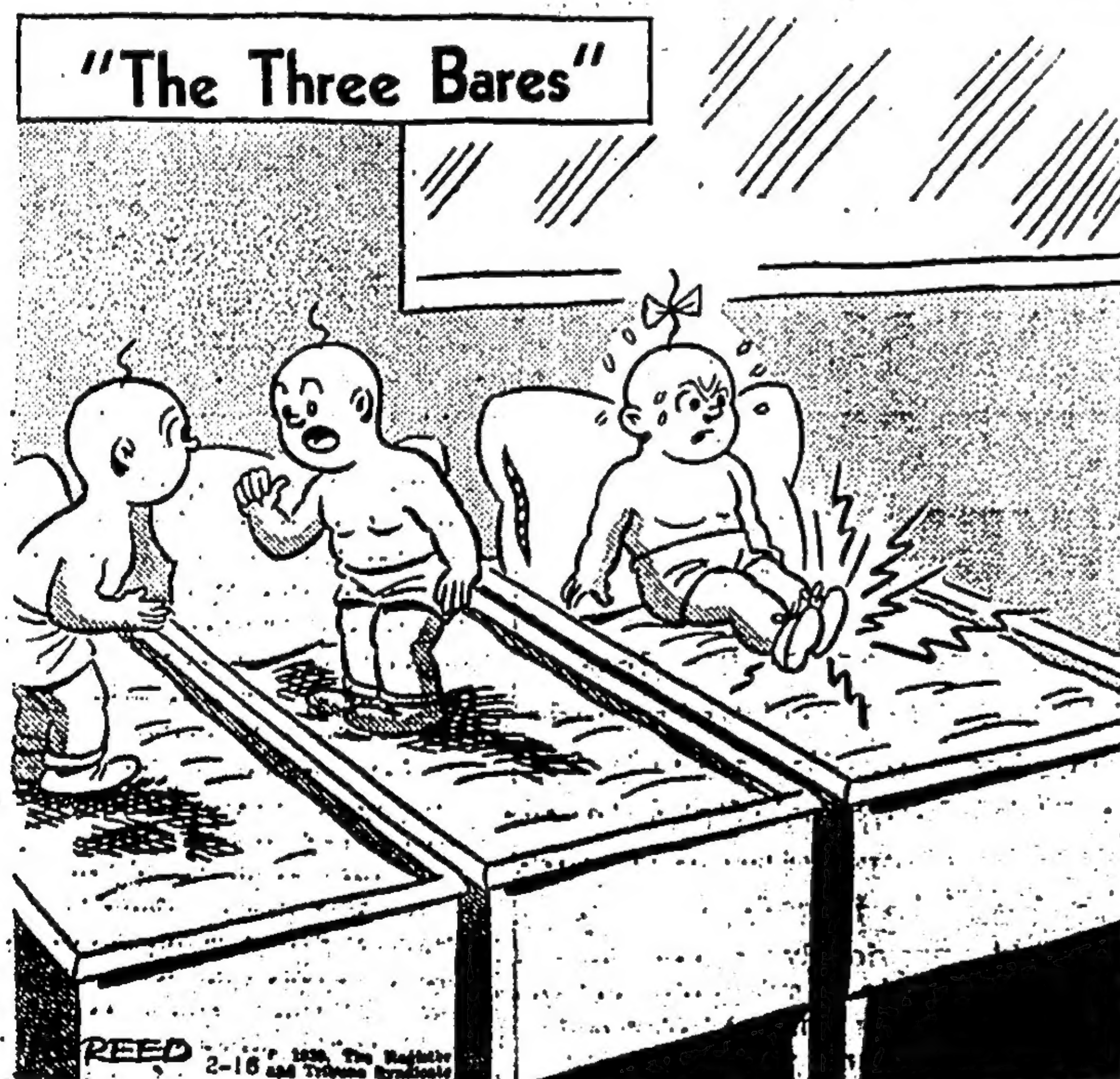
Many blind people are following a self-imposed task of patrolling the dark streets.

Time after time they are stopped by people who have lost their way. "Can you tell me where I am?" they are asked.

Two middle-aged men, both blinded in the last war, told the press: "This is our way of helping those who have helped us." "All over the country the blind are doing this."

OFF THE RECORD

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TERSE REPLY TO MOLOTOV

London, To-day.

That half of Mr. Chamberlain's weekly review was devoted to Empire co-operation in the prosecution of the war greatly appealed to the House of Commons.

Though containing no other outstanding point, the whole statement was welcomed because it was not too long and dealt with dignified brevity with the Russian verbal offensive against the Allies.

It was delivered in an unusually clear and emphatic voice and showed plainly the Prime Minister's health was unimpaired by his great responsibilities.—Reuter.

PRESENCE OF DOMINION MINISTERS IN ENGLAND GIVEN WARMEST APPROVAL

London, To-day.

SPEAKING IN THE House of Commons, Major C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, welcomed the presence of ministers of the Dominions and India in England.

The more we can consult with them, he said, not only on the pressing matters of the war, but also on how we can get and preserve enduring peace, the better it will be.

The Liberal Leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, while declaring his appreciation of Mr. Chamberlain's weekly statements, expressed the hope that in future it might be possible for more detailed information to be given.

The Premier had earlier briefly dealt with the situation on the Western Front, at sea in the campaign against U-boats and in the air, and had then dwelt upon the importance of the Imperial War Council.

"The Empire has already shown how generous and whole-hearted is its spirit of co-operation."

"A fuller knowledge we shall now gain of the plans of the different Governments as the result of the presence of their ministerial representatives here which should be of great value to us."

"In their turn we are confident that the Dominions Governments and the Government of India will find that the first-hand impressions of their representatives will afford them invaluable aid in gaining a fuller appreciation of our common problems and of the best and quickest means of solving them."

COLONIAL RALLY

Equally striking is the whole-hearted co-operation we are receiving from all parts of the Empire including Burma, and from the Colonies."

The Prime Minister recalled that he had previously expressed his great appreciation of the spontaneous messages of support from every single territory of the Empire after the outbreak of war. "We did not ask for these messages."

"The Colonies have not been forced into war by Great Britain against their will. The action of so many peoples of various races is witness to their consciousness that a threat to Great Britain is equally a threat to that freedom and well-being which has been assured them under British rule."

ECONOMIC SIDE

Mr. Chamberlain said that although at the beginning of the war, the Colonies effort would be mainly on the economic side, and help in raw materials and foodstuffs, he would like to refer with gratitude to the numerous offers of personal service from residents of the Colonies.

It is the intention of His Majesty's Government to employ the manpower of the Colonial Empire as it may be most effective and plans for doing this are being worked out.

In Africa the strength of the Royal West African Frontier Force had been more than doubled, and that of the King's African Rifles in East Africa, more than trebled.

Voluntary offers of service throughout the Empire have far exceeded our immediate requirements.

SAME FOOTING

As announced some time ago, British subjects from the Colonies and British protected persons of this country are now placed, for entry into the armed forces, on the same footing as British subjects from the United Kingdom.

Such is the nature of the help we are receiving from the Empire.

Eagerly offered and gladly accepted it is a splendid example of free-co-operation and ungrudging self-sacrifice in a noble cause throughout lands which owe allegiance to the King.—Reuter.

PEACE IN BALKAN ZONE

Athens, To-day.

The full text of letters exchanged between Greece and Italy in connection with the friendship between the two countries is to be published to-day (Friday).

The letters are regarded as a material contribution to the maintenance of peace in this part of Europe.—Reuter.

DEATH OF OPIE READ

Chicago, To-day.

The death has occurred of Mr. Opie Read, the last of the Mark Twain era.—Reuter.

***Born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1852, Mr. Read began newspaper work in Franklin, Kentucky, going later to Little Rock. From 1878 to 1881, he edited the "Arkansas Gazette," and after two years with the "Cleveland Leader" established the "Arkansas Traveller" in 1883, conducting it till 1891. Since then, he has been engaged in literary work in Chicago.

Mr. Read wrote a number of popular books, his last being "The Mystery of Margaret" in 1907.

LARGE HAUL BY BORDER RAIDERS

In a robbery at Lokmachau early this morning, armed robbers stole a large quantity of money and jewellery and then escaped into Chinese territory.

Chong Wan, 35-year old proprietor of the Wan Fat Rice Shop, Lokmachau, told the police that nine masked men, all armed with revolvers, forced their way into his shop through the main door at about 5 o'clock this morning.

They fired one shot to intimidate the inmates and then broke open the safe. They remained on the premises, ransacking it, for about 15 minutes.

A foki managed to slip out unseen and blow a police whistle. The sound of the whistle was heard in the Lokmachau Police Station not far off and Sergeant Mattinson, in charge at the time, rushed to the scene.

The robbers, however, managed to escape, firing several shots to scare off pursuit. They fled across the Shumchun River into Japanese-controlled territory.

They stole in all:—H.K.\$1,125.55; Shanghai \$2,500; Canton \$450; Singapore \$25; and H.K.\$115 worth of jewellery.

COULMORE SEARCH GIVEN UP

New York, To-day.

United States Coastguards have given up the search for the British vessel Coulmore, and it is therefore presumed that the ship is safe.

She had previously sent out an SOS referring to a submarine when she was 400 miles north of Bermuda.

One Coastguard vessel is said to have picked up a message saying the ship is safe, but patrol vessels have not been able to find her.

The captain of an American ship in the vicinity said a submarine attack was unlikely owing to the very high seas and poor visibility.—Reuter.

Mr. C. M. Wei, of Asia Building, has reported that two typewriters valued at \$200 were stolen from his office yesterday.

IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL IN SESSION

London, To-day.

Consultations between the visiting representatives of the Dominion and Indian Governments and United Kingdom Ministers continued yesterday.

Progress was made in the task of unifying and strengthening the war effort exerted by the British Commonwealth as a whole.

In the morning, individual conversations took place and, in particular, questions concerning civil aviation and shipping were discussed.

By this means, the special problems affecting one or two only of the Dominions can, it has been found, be most expeditiously handled.

In the afternoon, the strategic needs and problems of the Empire as a whole were under review.

AT MANSION HOUSE

The overseas representatives were entertained at the Mansion House to luncheon by the Lord Mayor.

Pronouncements which the representatives of the Dominion and Indian Government made to the Press on their arrival, gave evidence of the eager desire of these great Dominions to be ranged actively with Great Britain in this time of crisis, and it can be said that they have carried that spirit of loyal and friendly co-operation into the consultations of the last two days.—British Wireless.

CAVELL FILM ROUSES U.S. SYMPATHY

Scenes of German troops marching through Belgium in the Great War were hissed by a big Washington cinema audience when the film "Nurse Edith Cavell" was given its premiere in the American capital.

Searchlights of the United States Army swept across the skies above the floodlit entrance of the theatre, where throngs, waited for hours to catch a glimpse of Anna Neagle, the British star who plays the title role in the film.

During the tense moments of the drama such as the time Nurse Cavell was led out to face a firing squad, many women in the audience wept.

ANNA NEAGLE CHEERED

The distinguished audience, which included many United States officials applauded for minutes on end at the finish of the film.

Herbert Wilcox, the British producer, introduced his star to the audience. There was a storm of applause, which broke out again as Miss Neagle spoke haltingly. Thanking the audience, she said she was too nervous and upset by the wonderful welcome to make a long speech.

Miss Neagle formally thanked the United States Department of State for its co-operation in providing material for the film. She recalled that it was the U.S. Ambassador in Brussels at the time who fought hard, but in vain, to save Nurse Cavell from the firing squad.

"Nurse Edith Cavell" is being shown in Hong Kong at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres on November 10.

CHOLERA CASES

Two cases of cholera, one of diphtheria, one of typhoid, nine of dysentery and 25 of tuberculosis were reported to the Medical Department yesterday.

SERGEANT PILOT BRINGS PLANE HOME: DECORATED FOR DRAMATIC EXPLOIT

London, To-day.
FOR THE FIRST TIME for many hundred years a King of England yesterday decorated his officers on active service.

The occasion took place during His Majesty's tour of R.A.F. aerodromes in the North and Midlands.

FREEDOM STATION ACTION

WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE GERMANY

London, To-day.

The anti-Nazi German Freedom Station is still broadcasting regularly every night in spite of attempts to jam it.

On Wednesday night the station reviewed some of the main news, the announcer saying that the Nazis were very disappointed with M. Molotov's speech and the non-fulfilment of hopes of Russian support, the re-shuffle of the Italian Cabinet and Italy's decision to remain neutral.

He referred to the worldwide support for the Allied cause, and added: "Here in Germany we suffer hardships. Arrests are a daily occurrence even in the Army."

TRUE VALUES

"Hitler thinks he is the master. Yesterday he got Poland, to-day he wants England and to-morrow he will cast his eyes towards India."

"His methods of achieving his ends are the same as they were years ago—ruthless propaganda and false promises, but the other nations of the world appreciate Nazism at its true value."—Reuter.

HITLER CALLED ON TO RESIGN

London, To-day.

The German Freedom Station broadcast again last night, and said there was not one family in Germany which wanted a continuation of the war.

"Hitler must clear the way to peace. If he really loved Germany, as he has so often claimed, he would have abdicated long ago."

"If he will not resign in time, the overthrow of the Nazi regime must come from the people who will rise against their destroyer."—Reuter.

NORTH LANTAU MINED AREA

It is officially announced that commencing to-day, junks and other small craft may use the channel between Chu Lu Kok Island and Lantau.

All craft using this channel must keep to the South-Eastward of a line joining the South point of Chu Lu Kok and East Brother Island.

EIRE PROHIBITS EXPORT OF BUTTER

Dublin, To-day.

The Government of Eire has prohibited the export of butter.—Reuter.

Five R.A.F. men received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Two were Flying Officers who rescued the crew of the "Kensington Court" in the Atlantic.

Two others, also Flying Officers, were decorated for the Kiel exploit. The first officer led the actual raid on the German battleships, and the other was the pilot whose reconnaissance flights in the early days of the war made the Kiel raid possible.

The fifth man was a sergeant pilot, who, during an aerial combat with a German plane over the North Sea, got control of his machine after the leading pilot had been killed by a machine-gun bullet.—Reuter.

OFFICERS NAMED

(SPECIAL WAR SERVICE)

The following are some of the decorations awarded:—

Distinguished Flying Crosses—Flying Officers T. M. W. Smith and John Barrett, who commanded the flying-boats which rescued the crew of the torpedoed merchantman, Kensington Court, in September.

Distinguished Flying Medal—Sergt. W. E. Willits, who piloted an aircraft back to its base after the pilot had been shot through the head in combat with an enemy flying boat in September.—Reuter.

OTHERS DECORATED

Others decorated were Flying Officer Christopher Doran, who is now acting Squadron Leader, although only 26 years of age, and Flying Officer Andrew McPherson, who is only 21. They were awarded the D.F.C. for their work in the Wilhelmshaven raid.

A fuller account of the feat of Sergeant Willits shows a remarkable presence of mind and swiftness of decision.

Sergeant Willits was in a machine which had been engaged in reconnaissance work in the North Sea and which was returning to England with its report.

FATAL SHOT

Near the North German coast they saw a German flyingboat and the pilot immediately went into the attack. Just as he was about to open fire, the enemy flyingboat got in a sharp burst first. Only two bullets hit the British plane, but one of them killed the pilot instantly.

The machine began to fall out of control, but Sergeant Willits, during the wild descent, crossed to the pilot's seat, pulled him clear, took over the controls and got the machine out of its dive just before it could plunge into the sea.—Reuter.

WELFARE OFFICERS FOR ARMY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

NEW WELFARE ORGANISATIONS FOR THE ARMY ARE TO BE FORMED UNDER LT-GEN. SIR JOHN BROWN.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, by the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Bellisha.

Honorary welfare officers would be appointed to the Staff of each General Officer Commanding.

The Territorial Army Association would be asked to appoint one or more welfare officers for the purpose.—Reuter.

BRITAIN WARNS HITLER

London, To-day.

The possibility of serious air raids on Britain was visualised by Mr. Herbert Morrison, who answers in the House of Commons for the Co-Ordination of Defence Minister, in the course of yesterday's debate on civil defence.

After saying that if the raids were on a sufficiently large scale a proportion of the bombers might be expected to get through and do fairly serious damage, Mr. Morrison continued:

"Let Hitler understand that if he does this thing he will evoke similar action no less effective than his own. 'If he comes here, he will have a warm time.'"

"Active defences will inflict very serious casualties on the German air force. Some of them may get through but they are bound to get similar action in their own country and, whatever the enemy does, the British people will keep their nerve and he will not break their spirit."

DESPERATE MOVES

"Let them understand that the consequences of such desperate moves may be very grave for Germany. Surely it will be madness if there is this war of mutual destruction!"

"I want Hitler and Goering and all their colleagues to understand that if they go in for this devilry of the air, if they decide to go mad and embark on a policy of the destruction of great cities, we are ready for it."

"We will stand up to it and in the end the British people will come through triumphantly."—Reuter.

CITY OF FLINT'S VOYAGE

London, To-day.

The American steamer City of Flint, captured by the Nazis and now on her way to Germany from Russia, was expected to pass Bergen last night.

She would then be about 200 miles from the southernmost tip of Norway.

Meanwhile the German Government still withholds information on the ship's American crew.—Reuter.

POSITION OF ENEMY ALIENS

London, To-day.

The position of enemy aliens in this country was explained in the House of Commons yesterday by the Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson.

He said that tribunals had interviewed over 13,000 aliens.

Of these, 186 had been interned, over 3,000 exempted from internment but subjected to special restrictions and the remainder, some 10,000, exempted from internment and restrictions.

In the case of the latter the term "enemy alien" would not appear on their certificates.—Reuter.

GANDHI'S ACTIVITIES

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

MR. GANDHI YESTERDAY HAD A FURTHER MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUSLIM LEAGUE.

The meeting followed his interview with the Viceroy and the President of the Indian National Congress.

Further meetings with the Viceroy are expected, though the date is not announced.—Reuter.

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GERMANY'S LOSS OF HER MERCANTILE NAVY AND TRADE

London, To-day.

GERMANY HAD BUILT in the 20 years before the outbreak of hostilities, a large mercantile marine which has commanded admiration throughout the world.

Now Germany has lost a large part of that fine commercial fleet and what remains is powerless to carry on maritime trade, which had been created.

Already 13 fine German merchant-men have fallen prizes to the Allied Navies, two of these having been captured by the French Navy.

A further eight vessels scuttled themselves to avoid capture.

There are reports that German merchant-men, which had taken shelter in neutral ports, were trying to make their way home.

This will lengthen the list of captures though some are using the northern fogs, and neutral territorial waters, and may slip through the blockade and regain home ports.

LACK OF CURRENCY

Another factor which is whittling away the German Navy is the lack of currency which has forced German ships in shelter in neutral ports to sell part of their cargoes to defray harbour dues.

The cargoes, however, cannot last for ever and once they are exhausted German ships will be forced either to submit to seizure or to try and run the gauntlet of Allied ships. — Reuter.

U.S. TREASURY TO BORROW LARGELY

Washington, To-day.

The United States Treasury is to raise £155,000,000 of new money before July, according to a statement by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury. — Reuter.

HITLER LEARNS

WHAT ITALY IS THINKING

London, To-day.

The Paris wireless states that Hitler received Dr. von Mackensen, Nazi Ambassador to Rome, on Thursday.

He remained with Der Fuehrer for a long time.

Afterwards, Hitler saw the chiefs of the army and air force. — Reuter.

GREECE AND ITALY

Athens, To-day.

Greece and Italy have exchanged notes with a view to strengthening the friendly relations between them.

The Greek Note refers to the atmosphere of cordiality between the two countries and hopes that they will shortly be able to give more definite form to their relations with, in time, collaboration in all fields.

The Italian Note gives similar expression to its friendship and hopes to strengthen relations shortly. — Reuter.



A REALISTIC A.R.P. DEMONSTRATION—Islington A.R.P. held a realistic demonstration, which was attended by Admiral Sir Edward Evans (Evans of the "Broke"), when he paid one of his many surprise visits to active centres. Sir Edward is one of London's two civil defence chiefs. Photo shows Admiral Sir Edward Evans interested in the work of an A.R.P. workers attending one of the "injured" after the mock raid. (Air Mail Copyright)

LORD SAMUEL URGES THAT SOLUTION FOR INDIA BE SOUGHT DESPITE WAR

London, To-day.

A SUGGESTION THAT while the war was in progress a group of statesmen might devote themselves to considering the problems of India, including that of minorities, Federation and Dominions status, was made by Viscount Samuel when India was discussed in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon.

He did not see why the outbreak of war should make impossible for these matters to be pressed.

Viscount Samuel regretted the action of Congress in calling on the Provincial Ministries to resign at a time when the Empire was engaged in a life and death struggle for a purpose in which India was in whole-hearted sympathy.

Lord Zetland, Secretary of State for India and Burma, replying, referred to the Viceroy's invitation to leaders of Congress and of the Muslim League to meet and discuss their differences.

He said that if as a result of these discussions they could find a common ground on which the two communities would work together, then the main obstacle in the way of associating the leaders of the political parties in the actual executive at the centre would have been removed.

BREAKDOWN RESULT

Referring to Congress, he said that the resignation of four provincial governments had already been tendered and a fifth was expected. This would mean that the Government

would be obliged to proclaim a breakdown of the constitution of the provinces concerned and take the administration into its own hands.

Regarding Britain's war aims, he said that sometimes it was still said in India that we were fighting to maintain imperialism there.

But every step we have taken since 1919 has emphasised and ratified the determination of the people of this country to work for self-government in India.

INTENTIONS UNCHANGED

Our intentions remained what they had been since 1919.

We are striving with all sincerity to assist in removing obstacles which at present lie in the path of a full fulfillment of the promises which have been made. — Reuter.

NAVY'S SLOW SURE PRESSURE ON ENEMY

London, To-day.

THE ROLE OF THE Royal Navy in the war is of fundamental importance, it is stressed here, and the new developments in submarine and aerial warfare are making no difference to the Navy's role of exerting a slow but sure pressure on the enemy.

The Navy's duty is still to win and keep the control of the seas, to destroy or immobilise the enemy fleet, to protect our shipping, to destroy enemy shipping and to ensure the safe transport of our troops.

There is, strictly speaking, no such thing as absolute command of the sea, as it is not wholly impossible for a surface raider or submarine to slip through our naval patrols.

The term 'command of the sea' is best interpreted as control of the main shipping routes.

Before the war started the Royal Navy's construction programme totalled over 800,000 tons, a figure approached by no other Power.

VOLUNTARY BASIS

For over 100 years the Navy has been manned on a voluntary basis, and there have always been more volunteers than can be taken in.

The standard is high, and even in time of expansion there is no lack of volunteers.

Of 19,000 men who applied to join the Navy in one batch of conscripts, only 7,000 could be taken in.

The Royal Navy can also draw on immense reserves of fishermen and merchant sailors.

STRENGTH CUMULATIVE

Two facts emerge from the present war—our naval strength is cumulative and is steadily increasing, and enemy submarines daily stand a slimmer chance of being able to return to their home port.

Submarines have not stopped the Navy from carrying out its job.

While there have been some losses, due to bad luck or enemy daring, our sea power has not in any way been lessened, and the Navy retains control of the seas.—Reuter.

A white terrier belonging to Mrs. Scott Harston, of No. 529, The Peak, bit a chair coole yesterday. The coole was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital.

FINNISH DELEGATES IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

The Finnish delegation when they arrived here from Helsinki yesterday morning were met by the Swedish and Danish Ministers and the Norwegian charge d'affaires.

They brought back with them Finland's reply to the latest Soviet proposals. — Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

By late last evening the Finnish delegation had not met Russian leaders.

Instead, they were given seats to attend the session of the Supreme Council of the Soviet, and heard the partition of eastern Poland formally approved by that body.

It is suggested that the Soviet-Finnish talks may be resumed to-day.

SOVIET AND THE LEAGUE

London, To-day.

The report that the Soviet Union has decided to leave the League of Nations has not been confirmed at the Soviet Embassy in London where it is pointed out that M. Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador to London, is President of the League Council and would have been informed.

The Embassy states that M. Maisky, whose period of presidency ends at the League meeting on December 4, will be present at Geneva.—Reuter.

QUADRUPLT SONS BORN IN HONAN

Loyang, To-day.

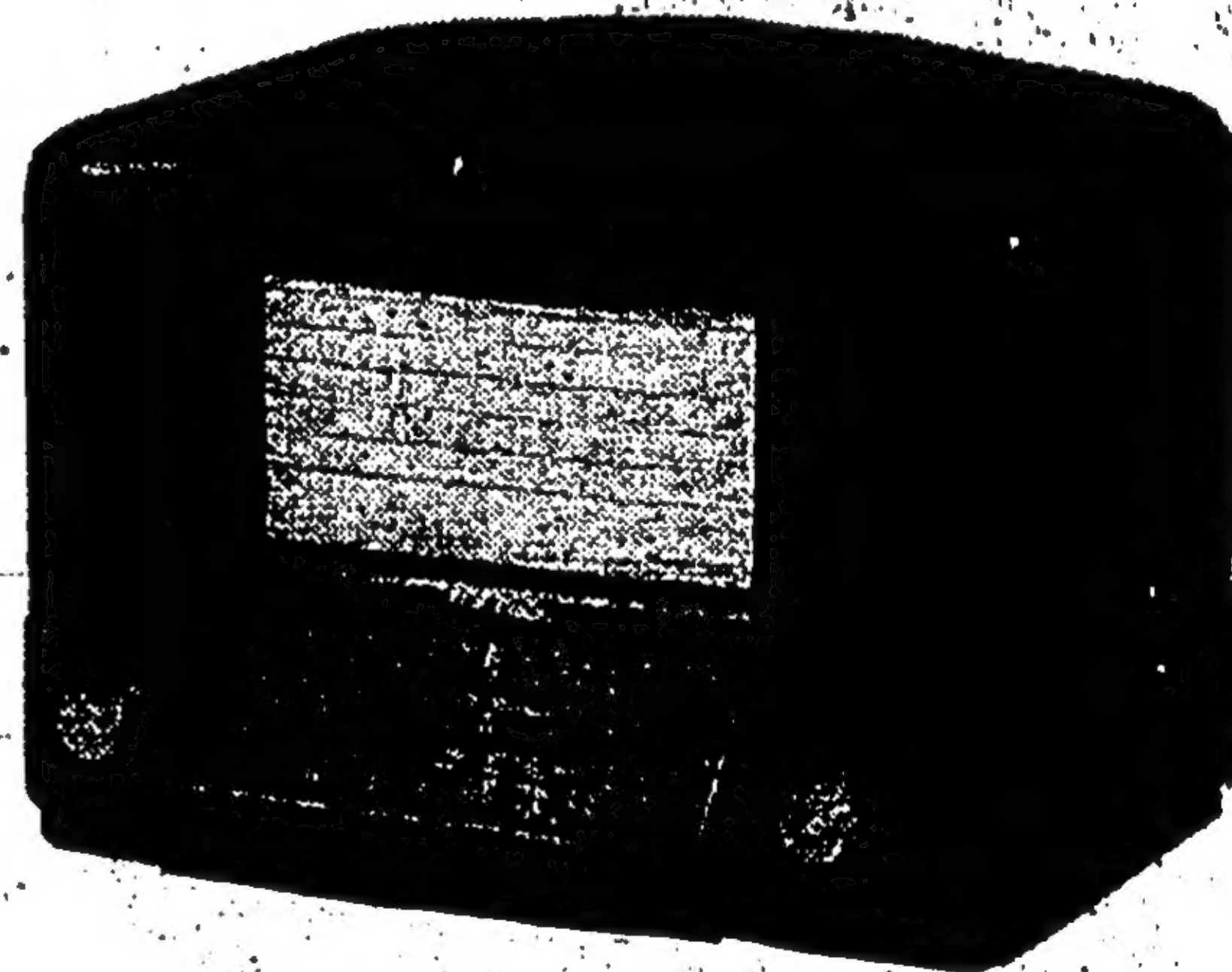
A Chinese woman in Tachang Village in Sinan, Honan, gave birth to four sons on October 27. The mother and quadruplets are all doing well.—Central News.

(Friday), as yesterday Stalin and Molotov were very occupied with the meeting of the Supreme Soviet.—Reuter.

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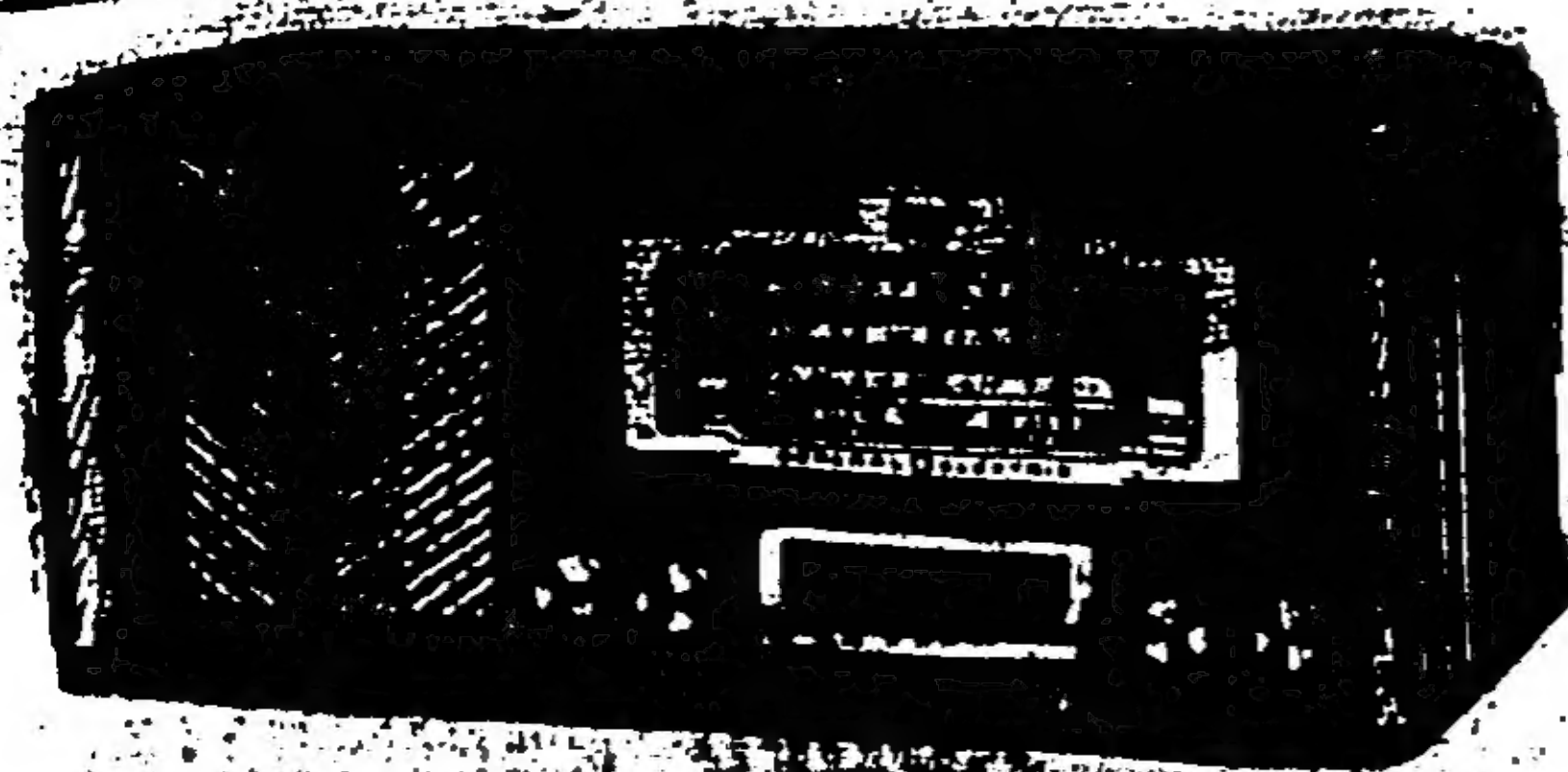
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE SHOWDOWN

Secretary of State Cordell Hull declares that the United States is co-operating in all branches with the Shanghai Municipal Council to settle incidents such as the attacks on the Shanghai Municipal Police in the outside roads areas, the local American authorities in Shanghai, including the Fourth Marines, being authorised to handle all such incidents in co-operation with other governmental agencies interested in the Settlement. The statement was interpreted in Washington as a reiteration of established American policy with regard to the International Settlement, but locally it was invested with greater significance in view of the earlier address of Ambassador Grew in Tokyo. Generally it was taken as indicating the growing determination of Washington not to acquiesce in any acts of violence in China, whether by the Japanese or their Chinese puppets, which tend to abridge the well-established rights and interests of the United States in this part of the world.

But, since American protests have thus far met with nothing but wordy assurances from the Japanese, assurances which contradict actual deeds in nearly all spheres; and since the Japanese Government has shown no signs of backing down from its policy of riding roughshod over others in its desperate efforts to achieve the "New Order" in East Asia, the question now being asked is: "When is the United States going to pass from words to deeds?" Or, to use a popular colloquialism:

"When is the showdown coming?"—
"China Weekly Review."

EDUCATING YOUTH

We had better treat 1939 as if it is, prepared to readjust her relations was not 1914 but 1917. The most with Japan.

striking improvement in the post-war world is to be seen in the treatment of childhood. This is true of all Europe. The dictator countries, like the democracies, have grasped the sovereign importance of the problem of youth. We start this war then with a higher standard in our sense of responsibility of the London press... Soviet Russia to the young than we started the last war. Let us resolve from the first to will in no way assist Germany."—"Ta see that we lose nothing in this war, Kung Pao," Hong Kong.

and that we do whatever can be done by raising our standard to repair the calamitous losses to which we are condemned. It is the view of the dictator Governments that the democracies are decadent; that their virtue and vigour are spent, and that their place is now in the past and not in the future. If we mean to meet this challenge we must do so in the fullest and most literal sense of the word by renewing our youth.—
"Manchester Guardian."

WAR AIMS

To define war aims, particularly in the early stages of a struggle which may involve many nations, is difficult. To delay defining our aims in this war is dangerous.

Almost everywhere, neutral opinion is opposed to Hitler. Abroad, as well as at home, the public welcome the War Cabinet's grim determination to see this thing through, however hard and long the struggle. They rejoice that the enemy has been warned of the strength of Great Britain's resolution. They rejoice in the assurance that the soul-sickening policy of Munich, the willingness to surrender other people's land and liberty to force, is a policy of the past.

But people everywhere are asking: having achieved its immediate aim, having destroyed Hitlerism, how does Great Britain propose to win the peace?

The League of Nations was the only good thing that emerged from the 1914-1918 holocaust. Shall we restore

some form of League and be faithful adherents to its principles; principles which almost every member of the War Cabinet has had a hand in betraying? Our retreat from the policy of Collective Security based on social justice fed Hitler's lust for power and was a factor inducing him to gamble on war. Shall we return to the only policy on which honest, enduring peace can be built?

To answer these questions now, clearly and officially, would bind to this country's cause the sympathy of American and other neutral opinion. It would give real hope to men and women in Central Europe eager to escape the enslavement of Fascism. It might even exercise a determining influence on the policy of Russia. Above all, it would give to our own people this guarantee: that they, who have entered the war with clean hands, will emerge with ideals unswayed and with the moral and spiritual strength to realise these ideals. — "Reynold's News."

MOLOTOV SPEECH

"Great attention was paid to Molotov's speech. It, however, contained nothing new. It was only because of the Soviet's important position in Europe that so much attention was paid to it."

"There are only three points in the Soviet Foreign Minister's speech which can be said to be of some importance."

"Firstly, it supported Germany's peace drive; scolded Britain and France; and disapproved of President Roosevelt;

"Secondly, it confirmed the Soviet's intention of making Finland bent to her demands; and

"Thirdly, it disclosed that the Soviet

WHY? OH! WHY?

Treasury Bills are loans to the nation. We have to borrow because the Government has to pay out money before it gets in the taxes. Why we should not print the money and then destroy it as soon as the taxes are in, I have never been able to understand.—
Hamilton Fyfe.

"These three points are not of very great importance but are still worthy of note."

"Molotov dispelled all rumours of a pending Soviet-Germany military alliance by saying that the Soviet will maintain its neutrality."

"Our conclusion is the same as that of the London press... Soviet Russia to the young than we started the last war. Let us resolve from the first to will in no way assist Germany."—"Ta see that we lose nothing in this war, Kung Pao," Hong Kong.

ENDURING PEACE

To be enduring, a peace must be just. This is the answer, of course, to any spurious "peace offensive" launched on the basis of the conquest of Poland as a fait accompli. An imposed peace which exalts sheer force and claims the spoils of victory on that basis can never be a satisfactory peace.

In the long run the making of peace is a more vital fact than the existence of war. Looking toward the peace that must eventually be made in Europe, Vera Micheles Dean said recently "To a struggle in which the future of Humanity is at stake, we must bring not fear, but faith that we can lay the bases of a new peace which would be something more than an interval between wars." The whole hideous effort of war is bent toward controlling the conditions of the ensuing peace. War, moreover, tends to make more difficult the maintenance of those very qualities which are most essential to the making of a permanent peace, because it inflames hatreds and vindictiveness.

Therefore, it is all the more necessary for peacemakers—and they include potentially every individual of every nation—to cultivate and cling to the attitudes of thought toward war, having destroyed Hitlerism, how possible the ultimate negotiating of a peace that will stand as a peace that will stand because it is just, tolerant, and reasonable. — "Christian Science Monitor."

GERMANS TALKED: SHOT DEAD

Two Germans were overheard talking by a Dutch chauffeur who has recently returned to Holland. One said: "Why should we fight when we are starving?"

There was no policeman on the scene when the conversation took place, but next morning the two men were shot dead by a squad of S.S. men against the wall of a house.

The story is told by the special correspondent of the "Paris Soir" at Venloo, on the German Dutch border.

POPPY DAY FUND

The beneficent work of the British Legion for Great War ex-Service men and their families goes on unceasingly for 365 days in each year. It is financed by the income from the one-day sale of Haig Fund Poppies on November 11th. The work is always increasing, for the men of the Great War are growing older. Many more each year are becoming the helpless victims of chronic sickness and unemployment, pitiful handicaps which are only too often the accompaniment of advancing years. The British Legion is determined that there shall be no diminution of its work; that at no time shall it be necessary to refuse help to a really deserving case; but to ensure this it needs and earnestly asks your most generous co-operation.

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Further donations will be gratefully received by F. G. Maunders, Secretary Earl Haig's Fund, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building. Cheques should be made payable to Thomson and Co. and crossed Poppy Day Fund.

GERMAN CAMPAIGN IN AMERICA

London, To-day. In the House of Commons yesterday, the attention of the Secretary for Overseas Trade was called to intensified German propaganda in support of Germany's export trade in South America, alleging lack of British organization and the impossibility of Britain to execute orders. Mr. R. S. Hudson replied that if such propaganda existed it was ineffective.

Recent Argentine reports, he said, indicated a return of confidence and orders from there will be duly executed.—Reuter.

HUNDREDS OF JEWS ARRESTED IN VILNA

Kaunas, To-day. It is reliably reported in connection with the recent riots at Vilna, that several hundred Poles, including members of the Polish Secret Organisation, and a number of Jews have been arrested.—Reuter.

BACON AND EGGS TO FIGURE LESS PROMINENTLY IN THE BRITISH BREAKFAST

London, To-day.

THERE WAS A noticeably domestic tone in yesterday's newspaper comment.

The Food Minister's statement on rationing meets with much philosophic comment, and the decision to establish schools in the evacuation areas is also reviewed.

Foreign affairs are not absent from editorial comment, and the "Daily Telegraph," referring to the economic weapon, remarks how rapidly it was brought into action against Germany.

"The French and British navies," says the newspaper, "have already intercepted over 500,000 tons of such indispensable commodities for war as petrol, iron, aluminium, copper and phosphates, and Germany's losses have been our gain."

In a leader on the rationing of food, "The Times" says it will begin gently, only partially and not immediately. It will only be introduced in the middle of December and even then only butter and bacon will be affected.

BREAKFAST HABITS

The "Daily Telegraph" says that even after two months of severe attacks on our shipping we may well be encouraged by the food situation, which is much better than in the last war.

The "Manchester Guardian" goes further and says that while the traditional English breakfast will suffer from the rationing of bacon, the sausage goes free, and porridge, which is part of the ritual Northern breakfast, may well win more converts in the South.

RETURNING AT LEISURE

Referring to the problem of education in the evacuation areas, the "Guardian" says that the evacuation of children, involving as it does the separation of members of families, is a break in nature.

It will only be successful when enforced by the still greater outrage of wholesale bombing, and that has not happened so far with the result that thousands evacuated in haste are now returning in leisure to their homes.

But the decision of the Minister of Education is not, as he himself points out, an all clear signal, and parents must not bring their children home.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

"The Times" says that the fact that the children are safe everywhere so far does not mean that they will be safe everywhere always, and if there are heavy air raids it will be no use blaming the Government for the absence of facilities for a fresh and expensive evacuation.

The responsibility of parents in bringing their children home or of keeping them home is the same as that of the motorist who dashes from a side road and crosses a main road. He may get across safely but in both cases the notice "you have been warned" will have been ignored.—Reuter.

MINE RUMOURS

Rumours were in circulation this morning to the effect that a junk ran into a minefield near Cheungchau yesterday afternoon and was blown up.

All competent authorities state that the rumour is without foundation.

The Naval Authorities will be testing an Air Raid Syren between 11 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. on Monday next.

INCOME TAX STRAW VOTE

Some very interesting figures are available as a result of the Income Tax Straw vote.

They reveal that while 69 per cent. of those who recorded their opinions accept income tax, in principle, only 46 per cent. are in favour of income tax in the Colony.

Of those who accept the principle of income tax, 38 per cent. are in favour of the Government's proposals as outlined, 62 per cent. are opposed, but just over half of the opponents express the view that the measure can be made satisfactory by modifications in favour of the smaller income groups.

Over 90 per cent. of those who replied declared themselves liable to be directly affected by an income tax.

CANADA'S PLEDGE

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that at a recent conference, Canadian Ministers pledged Canada's fullest co-operation in the production of essential food for Britain and the Allies.—Reuter.

FATAL BEATING-UP AFTER ACCIDENT

IMMEDIATELY AFTER ACCIDENTALLY COLLIDING WITH A CHINESE WOMAN WHILE WALKING ALONG NATHAN ROAD, NEAR PORTLAND STREET, AT 7 P.M. YESTERDAY, A 19-YEAR-OLD CHINESE YOUTH, LIU YUK-CHI, WAS ATTACKED BY AN UNKNOWN CHINESE.

Liu collapsed and was taken to his home at No. 417A, Reclamation Street by a friend. He died three hours later.

A post mortem disclosed that Liu was struck several times in the region of the spleen. Death was due to a ruptured spleen.

The police are endeavouring to locate the man responsible for the attack.

ANGLO-JAP RELATIONS

London, To-day.

Mr. Robert Morgan (Conservative, Stourbridge) in the Commons, invited the Premier to make a statement on the opening of the Anglo-Japanese negotiations, particularly as to whether such negotiations are to be limited to the Tientsin silver and currency issues or whether the scope will be broadened.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replied: "Lord Halifax has no new development to report on the issues arising from the Tientsin situation."—Reuter.

Mr. C. E. Terry has been appointed Deputy Chief Warden for Kowloon.

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Arms Embargo Clause Cancelled By Congress

ROOSEVELT'S VICTORY: SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY FOR REPEAL

Washington, To-day.

THE FINAL PASSAGE of the Neutrality Bill with a complete repeal of the arms embargo, is now virtually assured following the defeat by 242 votes to 181 in the House of Representatives of a motion urging the retention of the embargo.

The motion was one of three in the form of instructions to the Joint Committee of both Houses. The other two motions were also defeated.

A motion forbidding Federal agencies to extend credits to belligerents was defeated by 228 votes to 196 and the motion favouring the embargo on arms and ammunition but not aeroplanes and other non-lethal instruments of war, was rejected by 244 votes to 179, whereas a similar amendment passed the House last June by 214 votes to 173.

The Joint Committee is expected to meet to-day and it is thought that legislation will reach its final form not later than to-morrow.—Reuter.

PASSAGE ASSURED

The Bill will be submitted to a Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives to-day

(Friday). Four of the six Senate representatives are in favour of the Bill, and the House of Representatives are in favour of the Bill, and the House of Representatives appointees are expected to concur in the Senate's alterations to the Bill as approved last June.

The final stages, involving repeal of the arms embargo, are expected on Saturday, and the Administration is already making arrangements for adjourning the special session of Congress on that day.—Reuter.

WHAT VOTE MEANS

***The vote means that President Roosevelt is within sight of victory in his campaign to remove the arms embargo, which would confer a big advantage on Herr Hitler.

The final form of the Bill seems likely to follow the Senate proposals in all essentials, which means that the resources of the United States will be at the disposal of the Allies as long as they can pay cash and carry supplies to Europe in their own ships.

The vote in the House of Representatives is a complete reversal of the attitude adopted in June when retention of the arms embargo was voted by a substantial majority, and may be regarded as a demonstration of the change of feeling in the United States in favour of the Allies in consequence of German tactics in the first two months of hostilities.

Self-congratulation on the American decision may, of course, be tempered by the expectation that, with the verdict of Washington clear, Germany will no longer hesitate over mass air raids on British ports.

GERMANY'S EXPORT DISABILITY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GERMAN EXPORT ACTIVITIES IN NORWAY ARE DECLINING AND TRADE ACTIVITY SHOWS DIMINISHING RETURNS IN SPITE OF THE LARGE COMMERCIAL STAFF SENT TO THE GERMAN LEGATION.

In many cases, either the goods cannot be delivered or the prices have been raised. Offers of certain metals have been withdrawn.

Woollen piecegoods are only supplied with a percentage of artificial material and as a result, orders have been cancelled.

Tanning materials are unobtainable.—Reuter.

NO INDIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE

London, To-day.

In a broadcast the German Wireless stated that Indian troops have arrived in France. In fact no Indian troops have been drafted to France.—Reuter.

ANOTHER TRAIN BLOWN UP BY MINE

Kwangteh, To-day.

Another Japanese troop train from Shanghai struck a mine near Wusih, on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway.

The locomotive was blown up and nine coaches were derailed. Many Japanese were killed and wounded.—Central News.

\$100 AWARDED WOMAN IN LOCAL LIBEL ACTION

WRITTEN JUDGMENT was delivered at the Supreme Court this morning in the case in which Mrs. Mary Shu sued the Ching Chat-kee newspaper and the Ma Ngai Printing press for \$1,000 for libel.

The case was heard by the Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. T. P. Woo, of Messrs. Woo and Woo, while defendants were represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Mr. Justice Lindsell said:—
In my judgment, the plaintiff's claim herein for damages must succeed.

In an action for libel the plaintiff has only to show that his or her reputation has been assailed by the defendant to entitle him "prima facie" to damages, since it is a presumption of law that damage to that reputation must have followed from the attack upon it.

"Even where (as here) there is no evidence that the plaintiff's reputation has suffered, he is entitled to damages by reason of the mere probability that consequences injurious to him will ensue from the libel. He may strengthen his case by showing that such consequences have in fact

ensued, but in such cases the evidence in question is given merely for the purpose of emphasising the fact that that has actually happened which the law would presume without proof."

(See Clark and Lindsell's Law of Torts (9th Edn) p.642).

It is not a case of "injuria sine damno." Once the "injuria" is proved, the presumption the damnum to have followed.

ABUNDANTLY SATISFIED

Here I am abundantly satisfied that the newspaper article and photograph complained of were libellous of the plaintiff, in that the photograph (so I find proved) was a reproduction of an actual picture of the plaintiff and the article written round it stated in so many words that the lady of the photograph was an escort girl—a statement which bore the clearest innuendo that she was likely to be unchaste and little better than a prostitute.

I am satisfied also that reasonable persons who knew the plaintiff by sight might well have been led by the article to believe that she had left her husband and was following the dubious calling of an escort girl under the fanciful name of Ying Ying.

It follows that the defendant must be liable under the rule in *Hulton v Jones* (1910) A.C. 20, even though they have proved that the article was not intended to apply to the plaintiff and that they were not aware and had no reason to be aware of her existence.

RECKLESS INDIFFERENCE

At the same time, I am equally satisfied that the defendants herein were innocent of all intent to libel the plaintiff or anyone else when they published the offending article, and their subsequent refusal to publish an apology must be imputed to ignorance rather than to defiance.

At the same time they accepted the MSS. and photo from an apparently unknown, and "mala fide," contributor in Macao, whom neither side has since been able to trace, and printed it without enquiry.

There was here such reckless indifference as to whether the article was true or false as to amount in law to malice.

I consider that justice will be done if I give the plaintiff judgment against all defendants for \$100 and costs.

DOGS TO BE RATIONED IN GERMANY

London, To-day.

According to the German newspaper "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," dogs in Germany over 16 inches high are to have rationing cards.

They will get scraps from butchers' shops.

Dogs under 16 inches high will get the scraps, if any, from their masters' tables.—Reuter.

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THE LATEST "GOEBBELED" VERSIONS

A GERMAN COMMUNIQUE conveys the impression that German naval forces are constantly operating in the North Sea.

It says that since October 7 heavy and light naval forces in conjunction with the air force, have been active in the North Sea and off the Western coast of Norway.

In the course of these operations, it adds, British naval forces were encountered and damage inflicted on them as already reported. The communique concludes: "The operations are being continued."

One cannot but admire the consistency with which the German propaganda service lies. The Athenia will go down to Germany history as having been sunk by a British submarine, and now that a German airman has been decorated for the alleged sinking of the Ark Royal it would not be surprising if an apocalyptic British submarine officer were discovered by Goebbels, and credited with the sinking of the Athenia.

Every mine which causes the sinking of a neutral vessel is, of course, a British mine.

Warsaw is never mentioned now by the German press except with the prefix "fortress," in order to fix in the mind that the German guns were completely justified in blowing the city to bits.

The latest claim of German propaganda is that the detente recently contrived in Hungarian-Rumanian relations by the good offices of the Yugoslav Government, was the work of German diplomacy.

Executions of German "traitors" are now reported almost daily in newspapers. Four cases have been published in the last 48 hours, three of which were of railway officials, with Polish names, stationed in the Danzig area.

Petrol for agricultural purposes can be purchased in England without rationing forms. Details must be entered on formal receipts.

King Zog of Albania has arrived in London from Paris with members of his suite.

A Government scheme for the provision of pensions for civilian casualties other than A.R.P. and various national defence workers, is under consideration.

Royalties on "Mein Kampf" are to be devoted by the publishers, Messrs. Hurst & Blackett, to the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John.

Commissions in the R.A.F. will be given immediately to experienced pilots suitable for employment on instructional and other non-operational flying. Age limits are 28-48.

British universities are making plans to carry on during the war. Students from the London hospitals and universities are being moved to Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Whipnade Zoo, closed on the outbreak of war, has been reopened. The London Zoo remains closed.

An explosion in the centre of Liverpool injured 38 men and partly wrecked the silk mill in which they were employed.

Notices are being issued to gas consumers stating their quarterly ration. The amount will vary from 20 therms upwards.

The Ministry of Health has issued its annual reports. New low records in death rate, infantile and maternal mortality are shown. The birth rate is slightly higher and the health of schoolchildren has improved.

A re-shuffle of A.R.P. workers is taking place in many districts. Some full-time workers have been dismissed.

The curtailment of transport services is likely to cause a boom in bicycles.

Twenty British subjects have been arrested by the Gestapo in the German province, Bohemia.

Talks between Great Britain, France and Italy are said to be planned to discuss Italy's neutrality.

Canadian fathers of large families are being barred by the Government from enlisting in the Forces.

The Salvation Army have planned a war-time scheme, at an initial cost of £150,000 which includes the dispatch of units to the field, and an increase and extension of hostels.

The use in London of the telephone overseas, banned on the outbreak of war, is to be re-opened. Messages may now be transmitted in Spanish, Italian, and the Scandinavian languages.

Mr. Burgin told the House that a large percentage of semi-skilled work in munitions factories would be done by women.



P. Tester, Mr. Justice Lindsay and Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Aitkenhead Shield match on Saturday.



Students of Guy's Hospital, London, stripped to the waist sandbag the Statue of Sir Thomas Guy outside the hospital. (Copyright, Fox).

Bloomsbury landladies are asking local M.P.'s to raise the question in the House of the difficulties created by the scattering of students.

Men registered under the Militia Training Act are to be called up more rapidly than was first intended.

M. Daladier's Cabinet changes. Minister of National Defence, War and Foreign Affairs, M. Daladier. Under Secretary of State at Ministry of National Defence and War, M. Ducos. Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, M. Champetier de Ribes. Minister of Blockade, M. Georges Pernot. Minister of Justice, M. Georges Bonnet. Minister of National Education, M. Yvon Delbos. Minister of Pensions, M. Rene Besse. Minister of Merchant Marines, M. Alphonse Rio. Minister of Armaments, M. Raoul Dautry. Other ministers retain their portfolios in the new Cabinet.

The Swiss Government are not recalling the Swiss Guards of the Vatican.

Canadian Income Tax is to be increased by a 20 per cent surtax. An excess profits tax of from 10 to 60 per cent is to be levied on all businesses, based on the capital employed.

A reduction of 25 per cent in the consumption of electricity, coal and gas is called for under the British Fuel and Lighting Order.

The B.B.C. have arranged to publish the names of German prisoners and casualties in their German broadcasts.

In addition to the War Cabinet of nine members, the Premier has decided to appoint a Home Affairs Cabinet.

An alleged Pro-German has been sent to prison for assaulting a policeman. His passport showed he had made visits to Germany as recently as July.

The Transport & General Workers' Union, The Hull Skippers and Mates, and the British Trawler Owners' Federation, have agreed that special war risk money shall be paid to each member of trawler crews.

Oxford University has suspended examinations during next term.

The bogus Colonel defrauded a further two banks. He wore R. A. Uniform and used the name Col. L. S. Nevill.

French Ministry of War Communique states that special recruiting centres have had to be created to deal with the enormous number of aliens volunteering for service.

Denmark is taking extensive measure to protect her neutrality. Copenhagen harbour has been mined, the navy is entirely employed on coastal and mine control, 10,000 men have been called for civil air defence and private motoring has been banned.

M. Daladier, it is understood, has asked M. Edouard Herriot to become Foreign Minister in place of M. Bonnet.

Shoes and clothing materials can only be obtained in Berlin if purchasers can prove that the old ones are worn beyond use.



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THE WAY OF A MOUNTIE

INSPECTOR MACKENZIE raised his glance from the papers littering his desk, and eyed the young man he had summoned. He liked what he saw.

"Corporal Reid," he said, "I want you, first, to read these papers." He held out a sheaf, which the corporal took. "They'll tell you more than I can. Sit down, and read them now."

He motioned to a chair.

Corporal Bob Reid, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, sat in the chair indicated and began reading the papers. They were an official statement about a murder. It appeared that at a place known as Pike's Level a trapper had come upon the shot body of a prospector, Jim Tallance, who had been living with his step-daughter, Tallance was dead, shot through the heart, and his step-daughter, Helen Cameron, the child of his second wife, was missing. An investigating constable on the Pike's Plateau patrol had taken a statement from the trapper, Hugh Mallin, and from an Eskimo named Ungab. Mallin confirmed that Tallance's rifle was missing, and rumours that Helen Cameron and her stepfather had frequently quarrelled. Tallance had had small luck with the claims he had staked, and had taken to drinking more than was good for his health. The rumours claimed that Tallance had upon occasion been known to beat the girl. Further, Tallance had

policeman. "I'm telling you, corporal, I wouldn't tell you if I knew."

"At least you're not sending me on a goose-chase," said Reid.

The trapper gave him a sharp glance from under his craggy brows.

"Now," I'm not sending you on no goose-chase," he said reflectively. "But then geese don't flourish in this country—not even the wild variety."

Reid got no more from him. He tried his hand with the other inhabitants of Pike's Level, and it took him best part of a day to visit all of them. All were reluctant to talk except one, the wife of a store-keeper. For some reason she had no liking for the missing girl.

"If you want what I think, she's run for the Bull River and the chance of getting a steamer at Fort Warrington."

It was Reid's only clue, and he could not afford to overlook it. To check up would mean trekking to the station at Horn Crossing, where he could radio Fort Warrington. It was a chance, anyway, and enough time had been lost to make it imperative that he lost no more.

He set out for Horn Crossing, and struck bad weather. One of his dogs went sick, and he had to shoot it, and when finally he arrived at the Royal Mounted station he was in bad shape himself. While he rested the radio operator got in touch with Fort Warrington, and the local police spent three hours checking up before ra-

of the trappers informed Reid. "No one can live out there without a dog-team, and damned few can live with one."

The Mountie accepted their advice but did not abide by it. After resting and warming his body he struck out once more, leaving behind at the trapper's camp two of the dogs that had frost-bite. He was now chasing a phantom, and through a phantom world, but he belonged to a band of men who dally achieved the impossible and reported for duty the next day—if they lived.

Reid had won his corporal's stripes by hard work. His record at headquarters was clean, one for a man to be proud of. That record was staying clean, even if it ended abruptly.

Twelve hours hard travelling, after crossing the Bull River, saw him bending over an empty, frozen duffle-bag. He was catching up.

He drove on, relentless, and four hours later picked up unblotted tracks. Then night came down.

The next day he swept on, and nearly three hours later came upon her small camp, under a hill. She was sleeping, and the embers of her small fire were cold. When he pulled back the cape of her parka he stared into a pathetic white face that strangely tugged at his heart.

He spent two days nursing her back to strength for the return journey, two days during which she refused to talk, but sat by the fire listless, taking no interest in her surroundings. She had a gun and snowshoes, and no food.

"I've got to hunt food, but I can't afford to lose a prisoner," Reid told her.

She nodded. "I shan't go, but you can handcuff me, corporal."

The handcuffs were on his belt when he went off to find food. She was in camp when he returned. She cooked the meals when her strength flowed back, and to save her from unnecessary explanations and embarrassment Reid mapped out a route that avoided known camps.

Then Reid went down with fever. It was sudden, disastrous. She could have left him to die, have taken the dogs and fought her way on to freedom. Instead she took her turn at nursing. In three days he was a fit man again.

"Why did you stick?" he asked her, one night.

There was a big round moon lighting the snow, and stars gleamed coldly in the Northern heights.

"Do you believe I killed Jim Tallance?" she asked.

He stirred restively.

"I don't know. I was ordered to bring you in. I—"

He couldn't somehow say in words what was humming in his mind. He rose and walked some distance away, beyond the gleam of the fire. The dogs heard him and howled a friendly greeting.

She rose and joined him.

"I didn't kill Jim Tallance," she said quietly. "But I found him dead, and then something snapped in me. He was a brute, and I was free of him. Can you understand? Can anyone understand? I—something snapped inside me. I just packed and went. I wanted to put a long way between myself and the corpse of Jim Tallance. I wanted to run, and keep on running, until I found I couldn't remember him."

There was a pause, then she added, "Sounds kind of crazy, doesn't it?"

"No," he said, and turned to look her full in the eyes. "I think I can understand. And, what's more, I don't think a girl who could pull me through that fever could shoot a man, murder him, in cold blood. It don't square. I don't think you shot Jim Tallance."

A new brightness came to her eyes.

"You mean that—corporal?"

"Every word. I'm taking you back because that's my job, but—well, I can't promise—still, I'm going to show you—Bob Reid can repay a debt."

"You mean—"

"I mean you saved my life. I'm going to save yours if a man can."

"But that debt's square—Bob Reid. I should have slept on and on if you hadn't found me. You know that. You came just in time—"

"I wish to God I could believe that!" he said devoutly, and seized her arms.

And then, just how neither of them ever knew, she was in his arms, and her lips were eagerly meeting his.

They sat late over the fire talking, and one thing they did not mention—that was the easy way out. Bob Reid was a man in love with his prisoner. But his love was worth a woman's winning because it was honest. Just as strong as his code of honour.

His prisoner would be delivered come hell and high water. The woman knew that. She understood the silent agony he endured, and tried her best to keep his mind from it.

"Bob," she said, "I wouldn't have you different. You came to me from a world I was trying to escape—as a fool tries. You brought me reality, a sense and knowledge of the things that matter. Don't you see?"

He shook his head and said, "I love you, Helen. It's all mad, stupid, and utterly crazy. Here I am up here playing the little hero, and all because—"

"Because you are the man I love, Bob Reid," she said, with quiet pride.

Next day they fetched up at Simpson's Bend. Reid radioed headquarters, and after a wait of twelve hours a plane arrived. The flight back to civilisation was uneventful.

Reid handed over his prisoner, face stiff, eyes narrowed, and then went in search of his superior.

Inspector Mackenzie rose as the corporal entered.

"Ah, got back, I see, Reid?"

"Yes, sir. Here is my report. The prisoner has been handed over."

"Must have been a tough trip, eh?"

"I've had easier, sir."

The Inspector was glancing at the top sheet of the report he had taken from the other. It was not part of the report. It was Corporal Reid's resignation. The Inspector frowned.

"You do a fine piece of work, Reid, and then resign?"

"Yes, sir."

"But why, man?"

"I'm in love with Helen Cameron, sir, and I don't believe she murdered Jim Tallance. I've discharged myself by discharging my duty."

The Inspector sat down, suddenly very thoughtful.

"Take a seat, and tell me the story, Reid."

The corporal told his tale. The Inspector asked one or two questions, then reached for the 'phone on his desk. He was connected, and the corporal heard him say, "Yes, I want Helen Cameron brought here—"

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Short Story

By Landon Grant

been killed by a rifle bullet. The Eskimo, Ungab, claimed to have seen Tallance and his stepdaughter a quarter of an hour before the former was killed. It seemed no one else had been in the neighbourhood at the time.

Bob Reid digested all this carefully, and handed the papers back to his superior.

"Got it straight, corporal?" queried Mackenzie.

"I think so, sir."

"Good. Well, it looks an open-and-shut case. I want you to bring in this Helen Cameron. Constable White, on the Peak Plateau patrol, can't be spared. Anyway he's out after this Ungab, who will be the chief witness for the Crown when the trial comes on. It appears he's gone back to his tribe, some hundreds of miles farther north-west. I want you to start to-morrow, and remember, Reid—come back with Helen Cameron."

"Very good, sir."

Corporal Reid saluted, and left the Inspector's office. He knew he had been given a tough assignment. He knew, too, that it might mean his sergeant's stripe, or, alternatively...

But like a wise man, he did not dwell in the alternative. He got in a good night's sleep, and the next morning started north by plane. Thirty-six hours later he left the Simpson's Bend station of the Mounted Police with a dog-team and began a lonely trek north to Pike's Level, in the heart of the wild Little Fir country. He arrived two days later, to find Constable White still absent, but Hugh Mallin camped with his traps.

The trapper was a morose man.

"I can't say I took to Jim Tallance," he told the corporal. "I don't trust a man that can't treat a white woman the right way. He was like a squawman."

"You think, then, his ill-treatment resulted in the girl shooting him after a quarrel?"

"Never mind what I think, corporal. That ain't evidence," said Mallin bluntly. "All I'm sayin' is, I wouldn't be the one to blame her. See?"

"Meantime I've got to find her."

The trapper kept silent.

"Any idea where I should start?"

"Nary a one," Mallin's faded blue eyes stared directly at the young

dioing back that they could find no trace of the girl.

"Maybe she's camped somewhere between here and the river," said Reid, when told the news.

"She don't stand much chance, in that case. That's bad country," he was informed by the station sergeant. "Even the wolverines don't like it."

But there was no thought of backing down. Reid had to follow his one lead, even if it led him blind. Next day he started out again, his dog-team once more complete. He ran into a blizzard, which forced him to shelter on the southern slope of an east-west valley. He was holed up for a day while the icy storm spent itself. He had been running light, hoping to run before the weather, and the day's delay seriously affected his provisions and the food he was carrying for the dogs.

At the first gleam of the next false dawn he had the huskies in harness and was again trekking towards the Bull River. But the going was slow. Ice, soft drift snow, he had to make circuitous trips, and he dared not risk being caught unarmaged when night fell.

And while he travelled he wondered whether he was on the right trail, after all. If he was, what of the girl somewhere in the sub-arctic wastes stretching mile upon mile before him?

He reminded himself that she was a killer, that she was wanted by the law he represented; the law he had sworn to uphold at all costs to himself. His job was to take her back.

"If I find her alive," he reflected gloomily.

He was finding his own powers taxed to their full to live and to keep moving in the country, he was crossing. But somehow, born of that wilderness of snow and ice, came conviction that he was on the right trail. Thought of the girl somewhere ahead of him slowly changed, by some strange chemistry of the mind, into belief that he would find her.

He got his first piece of confirmation at a small trappers' camp along the Bull River. One of them had reported seeing someone on the far side of the river about eighteen hours earlier. No, he could not say whether it was a man or a woman, but whoever it was had no dogs.

"It's crazy to go on, corporal," one



NEW MATHILDE INQUIRY RESUMED: CARPENTER ON SOUNDINGS IN BILGES

THE WAY OF A MOUNTIE

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at once. How long? Twenty minutes? Very good."

He put up the receiver, and turned to the corporal.

"I never like losing a good man, Reid, and I'm not going to lose one now," he said bluntly.

"But, sir—"

"Wait for twenty minutes," said the Inspector, and got on with his work, taking no more notice of the puzzled corporal.

Before the full twenty minutes had elapsed the door opened and Helen Cameron entered.

The Inspector rose, and smiled.

"You will appear as witness for the Crown, Miss Cameron?"

The girl's eyes were bright and there was a smile playing round her lips.

"Yes, sir. Of course, I can't say that—"

The Inspector silenced her by raising a hand.

"That process is the worry of the legal minds. Not mine. Now, Miss Cameron, I want you to do me a great favour, if you will?"

"Of course, but I—"

The Inspector held out Reid's resignation.

"Read that letter, and then tear it up. You see, officially I don't want ever to have seen it."

The girl's hands trembled as she read the letter, and slowly she turned to Bob Reid.

"But why, Bob? Surely—" She started. "Then you don't know!"

The Inspector's smile spread. "Perhaps you had better tell him, Miss Cameron."

The corporal stared. The girl went to him and deliberately tore his letter of resignation across twice.

"Bob Reid," she said, "if you had given yourself time to make only one inquiry you would have heard that Constable White found that Eskimo, Ungab, and the man confessed to killing my stepfather. The statement has been proved by comparison between the bullet and Ungab's gun. Apparently my stepfather tricked the Eskimo of some money, and Ungab carried his grudge to the limit of murder. But I am wanted as a Crown witness."

A happy light stole into the Mountie's face.

"Helen! Then there won't be any trial, no rotten publicity and—"

"Forget it, Bob. It was just a bad dream."

The Inspector coughed discreetly.

"I should say those days you were down with fever, Reid, were just the time necessary for White to catch up with that Eskimo and get his story. Of course, you did a good job, and under less fortunate circumstances there might have been a sergeant's stripe as some consolation—er—yes. But as it is I rather think you've gained something a da—er—considerably more to be valued than another stripe. Of course, I shall see you get fourteen days' furlough after your trip."

"Thank you, sir."

"Don't thank me—thank your er—prisoner. And don't be so damned formal with her!"

With which words he tactfully turned his back.

THAT THE S.S. NEW MATHILDE was part of the time touching the bank of the river with her stern while anchored off Fort Bayard, and that she had a slight list while proceeding down river, which increased gradually as the ship sailed from Kwong Chow Wan was stated by witnesses at the Marine Court of Inquiry into the sinking of the ship on October 21.

CAPTAIN KIRBY, SECRETARY OF THE CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD, ADDRESSED THE COURT WHEN THE INQUIRY WAS RESUMED: "WILL THE COURT TAKE COGNISANCE OF THE FACT THAT THE EVIDENCE OF THE LAST WITNESS, WHO PERFORMED THE DUTIES OF SECOND OFFICER, WAS GIVEN WHOLLY IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AND THROUGH AN INTERPRETER?" TO WHICH COMMANDER HOLE REPLIED: "THE COURT KNOWS THAT."

The Inquiry was presided over by Commander G. F. Hole, with Lieutenant Commander W. K. Kirby, of H. M. Dockyard, Captain K. D. Lane, of s.s. Raby Castle; Captain D. M. Hood, of s.s. Hong Kheng, and Captain E. Walker of s.s. Haitan.

On behalf of the Navigators and General Insurance Company, Limited, the interests of Captain R. Wherry are in the hands of Mr. D. L. Strellet. After Captain Kirby's intervention, the ship's carpenter, Chee Chung, entered the witness-box.

THE SOUNDINGS

He said: "Between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. on October 21, standby orders were given to haul up the anchor. At 6.30 a.m. I took the soundings of the bilges and the tanks. There were eight feet, five inches in the fore peak tank and three inches in the No. 2 tank. No. 1 bilge showed seven inches on the starboard and port sides; No. 2 bilge showed five inches on the port side and three inches on the starboard side. The aft peak tank showed seven feet, and the ballast tank in the engine room showed three feet, six inches."

"The soundings were the same as taken the day previously. The No. 4 tank showed two feet on the port side and two feet nine inches on the starboard side. No. 5 tank was full. After taking the soundings, I chalked them on the board on the bridge. I returned to my cabin at 7 a.m. and at 8 a.m. had my breakfast."

"At 9 a.m. I noticed a list to port. A slight list to port was noticed while proceeding down river after leaving Fort Bayard, but this had increased, so I again took soundings, which turned out to be the same as taken at 6.30 a.m. The list increased and some of the cargo was ordered to be shifted. At 9.25 a.m., I took soundings again

of the bilge on the starboard side which showed three feet. I immediately went to call the Captain."

LIST TO PORT?

Commander Hole: "Did it not strike you as extraordinary that the list was to port and yet the bilges had overflowed on the starboard side?"—"No, the ship was beginning to settle and was almost upright again."

Witness continued: "At 9 a.m., cargo from the port side was shifted to the starboard side, and the ship became upright at about 9.25 a.m. After calling the captain, I took soundings again on the starboard side and found an increase to six feet. Then accompanied, by the purser, I went again to call the Captain. The Captain went to the bridge and I went to help shift the cargo."

In reply to questions by Mr. Strellet, witness said that when he first

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took soundings at 6.30 a.m. the ship was off Nam Chau Lighthouse. "When the ship was turned round, list on the starboard side was noticed."

Mr. Strellet: "Taking soundings on the starboard side is not consistent with a list on the port side."

Commander Hole: "It seems to me a complete fabrication."

PURSER'S EVIDENCE

Chan Kwai-lam, purser, said: "The ship left at 4.30 a.m. and when about 32 miles from Fort Bayard, near Nam Chau, the list to starboard increased, at about 8.30 a.m. Half an hour later, I concluded that the situation was dangerous as the list was heavy, so I went to the Bridge and asked the Chief Boatswain whether the Captain had been informed. The Boatswain replied that the Captain had been told. I then went to the Captain's cabin and saw he was still sleeping. I was followed by the carpenter. The Captain got up at once and proceeded to the bridge. At 9.20 a.m., orders were given for all pigs to be thrown overboard. All the cargo portholes had been closed."

UNCOMFORTABLE LIST

Chief Engineer Peter B. Allan said: "At Fort Bayard, the ship was for part of the time touching the bank with its stern. The ship sailed at (Continued on Page 20)"



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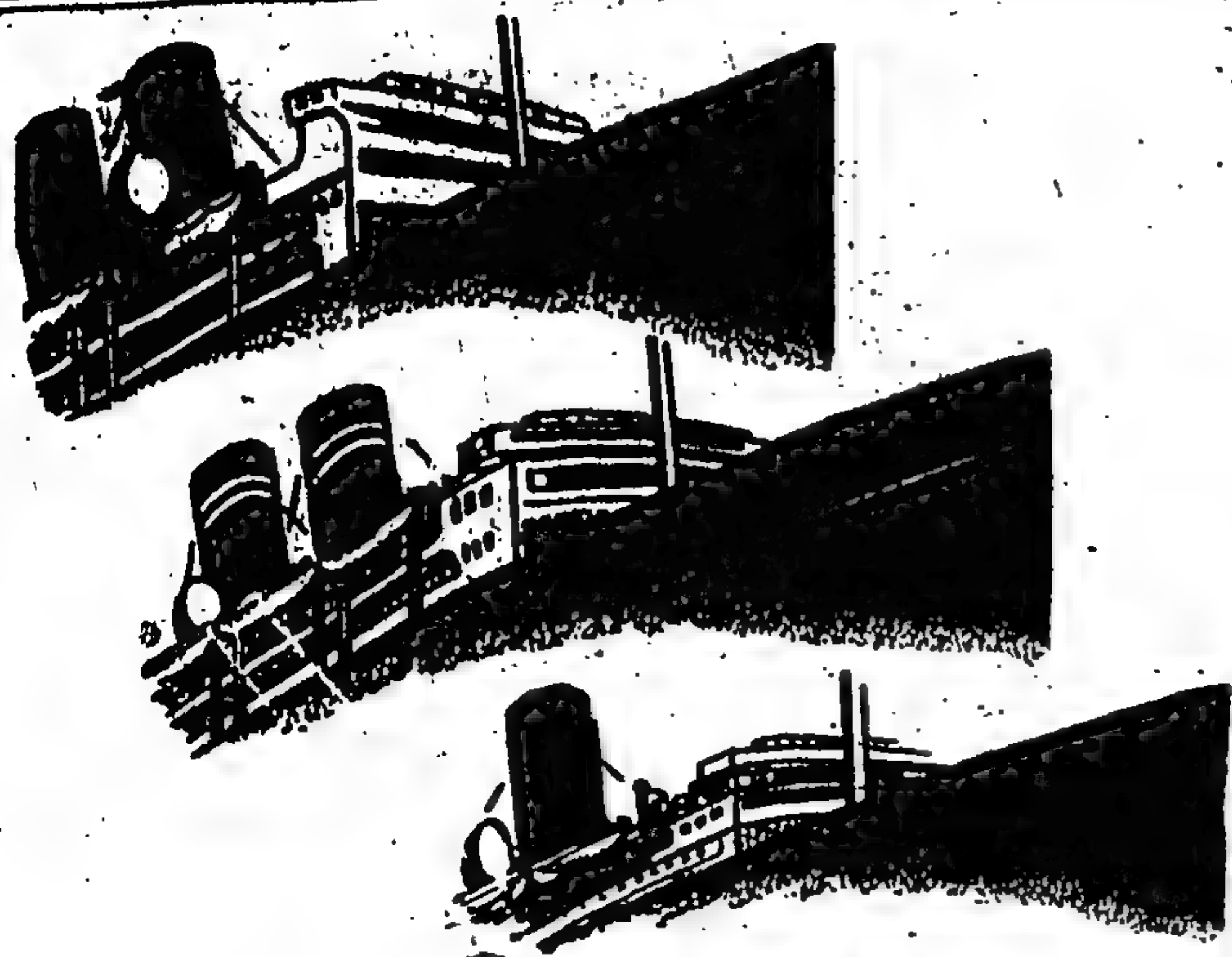
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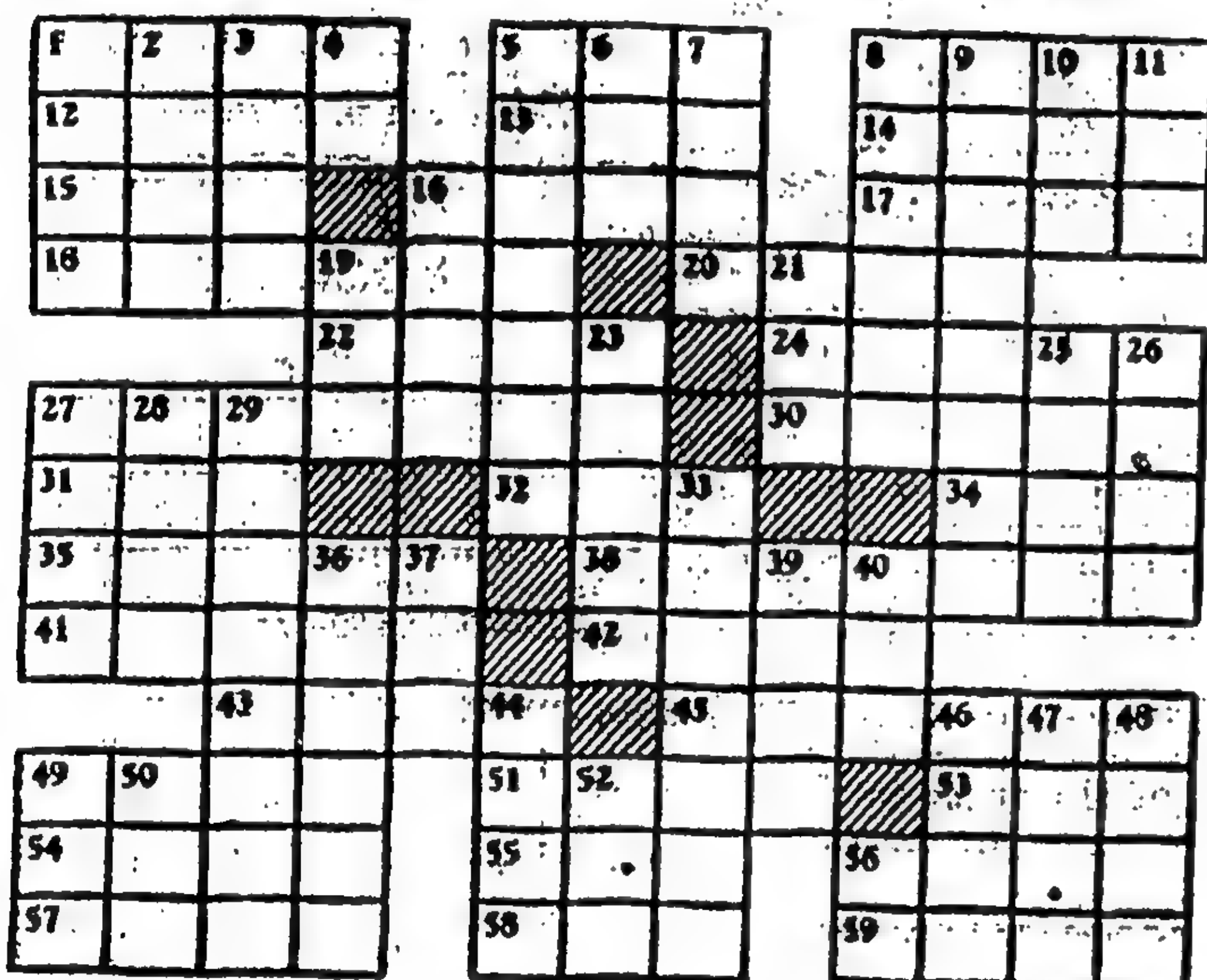
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- 22 Capital of Peru
- 24 Jungle dweller
- 27 Burned
- 30 Runs slowly
- 31 Vast age
- 32 Welsh river
- 34 Period of time
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- 41 Malt liquor
- 42 Piquant
- 43 Incursion
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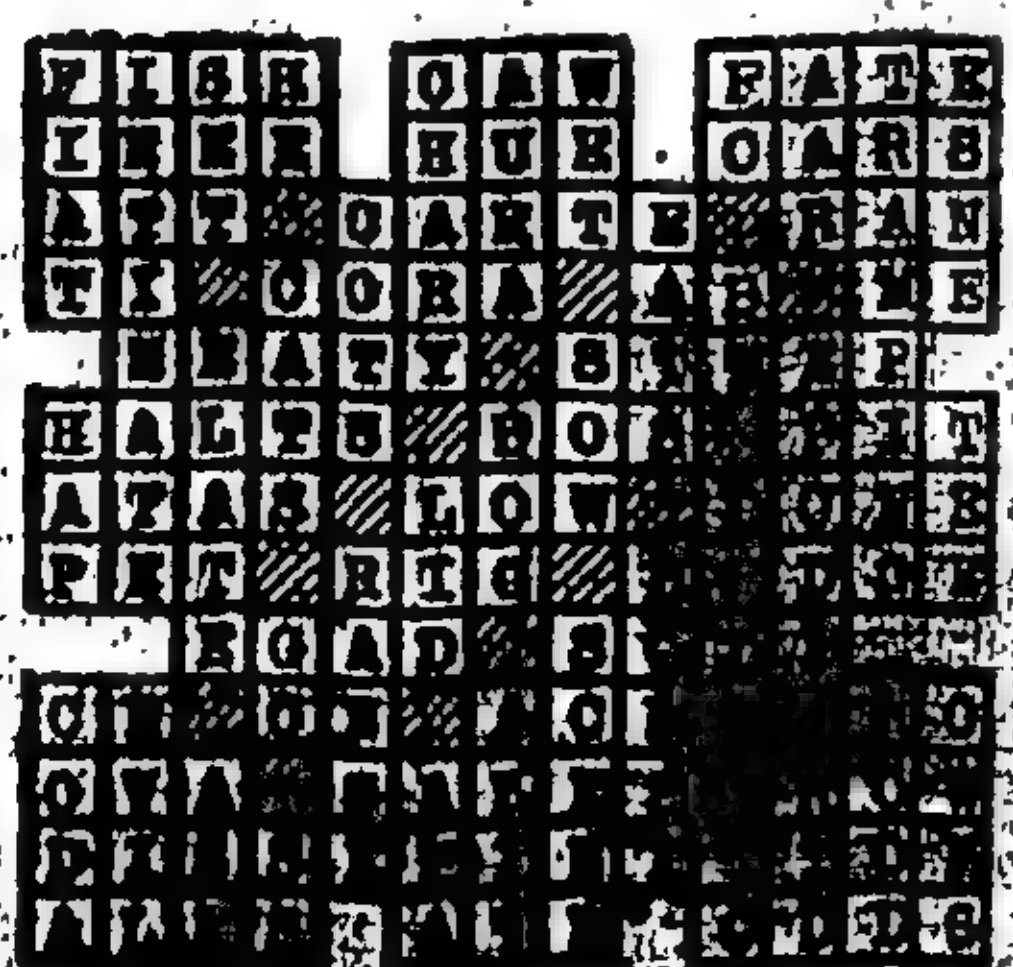
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- 55 Household god
- 56 Metallic element
- 57 Not so much
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- 59 Onion-like vegetable

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- 2 At
- 3 Was cut
- 4 Preposition
- 5 Christened again
- 6 Proposed international language

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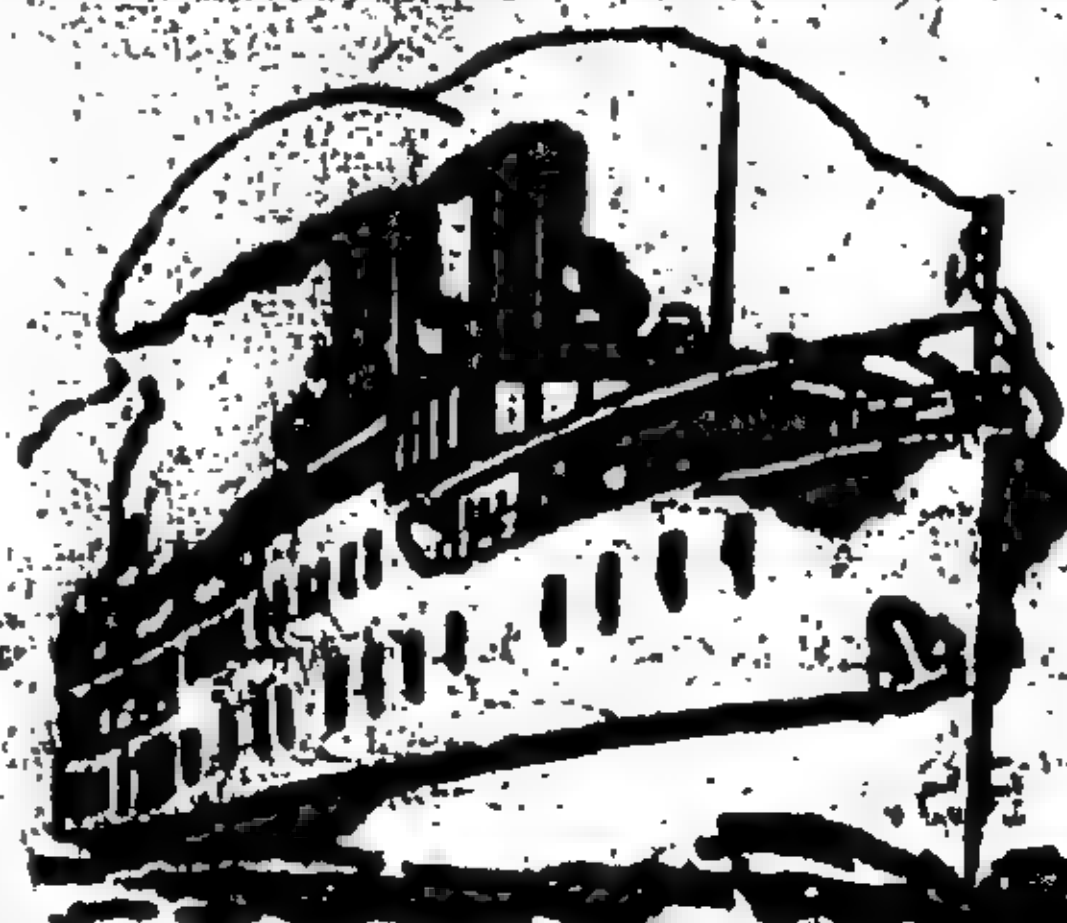
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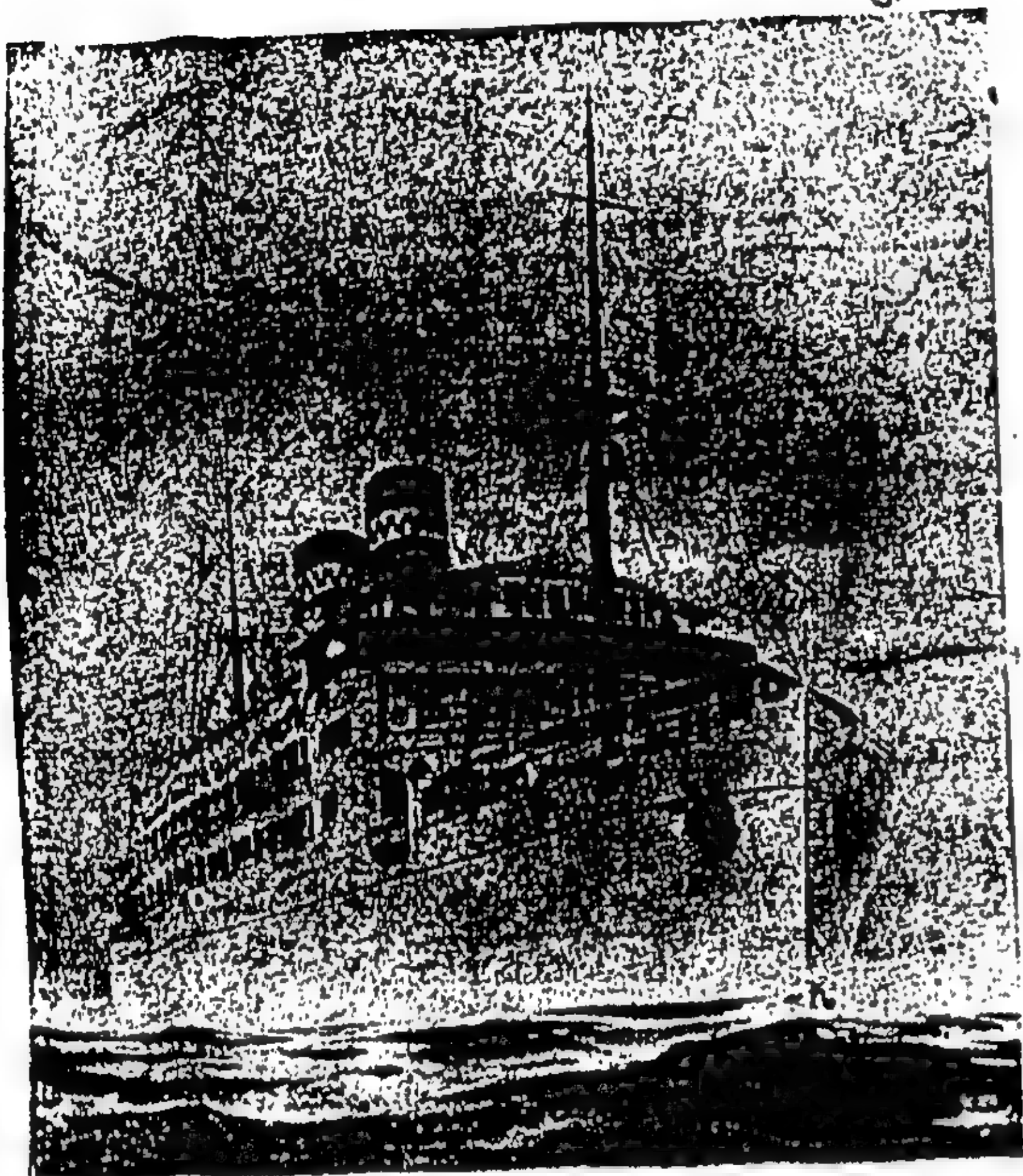
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NEW MATHILDE INQUIRY RESUMED

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about 4 a.m. It was not necessary to take soundings of the bilges in the engine room as they were visible. While underway, the second engineer was on duty and I went down at 8 a.m. The ship had a slight list to starboard, and at about 8.30 a.m., when I was having breakfast, the list increased. I returned to the engine room made sure that the starboard bilges were being pumped to full capacity which was not abnormal.

"As the list was becoming uncomfortable, we had the ballast pump started and I went to the bridge and requested that the starboard tank be pumped to reduce the list. This was granted and I took the necessary steps."

Commander Hole: "What is the capacity of your pumps?" — "I do not know."

"It is a valuable piece of information for an engineer is it not?" — "I admit it is."

Witness concluded that the situation worsened until the ship foundered. He was under orders to make as much speed as possible.

SECOND ENGINEER

Second Engineer A. E. van Langenberg said: "When the ship left Fort Bayard the bilges were normal. While proceeding down river everything was normal but the ship had a list of between three and four degrees to the starboard side.

"After breakfast the list increased by between three and four degrees. I thought this was due to the livestock on board so I went to inspect. Everything, however, was normal; the livestock had not shifted.

"At 9.25 a.m. I saw the carpenter taking soundings and I saw that the aft bilge showed between five and six feet."

The inquiry was adjourned to this afternoon.

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There will be two games of Rugby Football on the Army ground at Soekunpoo to-morrow. The first game, which will commence at 3.15 p.m., will be between Club "A" and Police. This game will be followed at 4.30 p.m. by a match between the Club 1st XV and the United Services. The Club Sides have been selected as follows:—

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By VINCENT TOWNE

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According to the wanderer, he had later been baptized by Ananias and had taken the name of Joseph. He well remembered the Saints and the making of the Apostles' Creed.

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He Hurried The Savior Away.

did not again come to light until 1571, when the English Archbishop Parker had it published. Again in 1640 it was set forth in the "Pseudoxia Epidenica" of Sir Thomas Brown, Knight M.D. of Norwich, England.

Ever since those years the alleged wanderings and reminiscences of Cartaphilus, condemned to live through the centuries, has haunted the minds of theologians and students of mysticism. According to the learned monk, Matthew, Cartaphilus' life was miraculously prolonged each hundredth year, when he fell into a faint. After remaining unconscious for a time he would then recover, to find his age restored to where it stood when he insulted Jesus.

In 1547, according to the devout and learned Bishop of Schleswig, there appeared in the Hamburg Cathedral a man whose personality excited the awe of the congregation. He followed the service with great reverence, bowing very deeply whenever the name of the Christ was mentioned. He was a man of middle age — about 50 — dressed in ragged clothes. It was recorded that "many of the nobility and gentry who saw him recognized him as the one whom they had already seen in various places — England, France, Italy, Hungary, Persia, Spain, Poland, Moscow, Liefland, Sweden, Denmark, Scotland, etc."

Being asked who he was, the stranger informed the bishop that he was Ahasuerus, a shoemaker of Jerusalem, who had been present at the crucifixion and ever since had been wandering. The bishop found the newcomer strangely proficient in history, especially regarding the Apostles. Ac-

ording to his story, when Christ was resting from the burden of the Cross, he had directed Him to move on, and had then received the course: "I will stand here and rest, but thou shalt move on till the last day!"

The belief that somewhere in the world this condemned man was restlessly wandering persisted throughout the 16th and 17th centuries. In the latter it was believed that he healed disease, and those who claimed to have met with him in their travels, quoted him as having been at Rome when it was burned by Nero; of having witnessed the return of Saladin after his Eastern conquests; of having been in Constantinople when Salimen had the royal mosque erected; of having known Tamerlane, the Scythian and Scander Beg; of having been Bajazet married in a cage by Tamerlane's soldiers; of remembering the Caliphs of Babylon and Egypt; of having traveled through the empire of the Saracens, and of having been in the Crusades, where he had known Godfrey de Bouillon. When asked if he had witnessed the sack of Jerusalem, he regretted that he had not, because at the time he was in Rome at the court of Vespasian.

In 1748 there appeared at the court of Louis XV, the mysterious stranger who called himself the Count St. Germain, and who claimed to have lived since the time of Christ, who recounted incidents of his acquaintance with great personages of all intervening epochs of time and who surprised his hearers not only by his accurate knowledge of history, but his ability to converse fluently in any live or dead language in which he might be addressed.

De Cergy, who had been French Ambassador to Venice, remembered having seen the same man at that court 50 years before, and recalled that he had then looked just as he did now at the court of Louis XV.

After leaving the latter court, this weird personage became the favourite companion of the Landgrave Charles of Hesse. Although his death was announced in 1780, Grosley, an eminent savant of the British Royal Society, stated that he saw the same man in a French prison during the Reign of Terror, while Lord Lytton in 1860 met a character whom he believed to have been the same man. There were also rumours that he was the mysterious "Major Frazier," who at the Court of Louis Napoleon expended the income from a vast fortune of mysterious origin, and who boasted of personal acquaintance with Nero, Dante and many other great men of history.

Some believed that these modern adventurers were Cartaphilus appearing in other of his various roles. The belief in such a personage doomed to defy the ravages of the centuries has vexed Christendom for 700 years. The basis of the belief is unknown. It was the theme of Eugene Sue's story, "The Wandering Jew."



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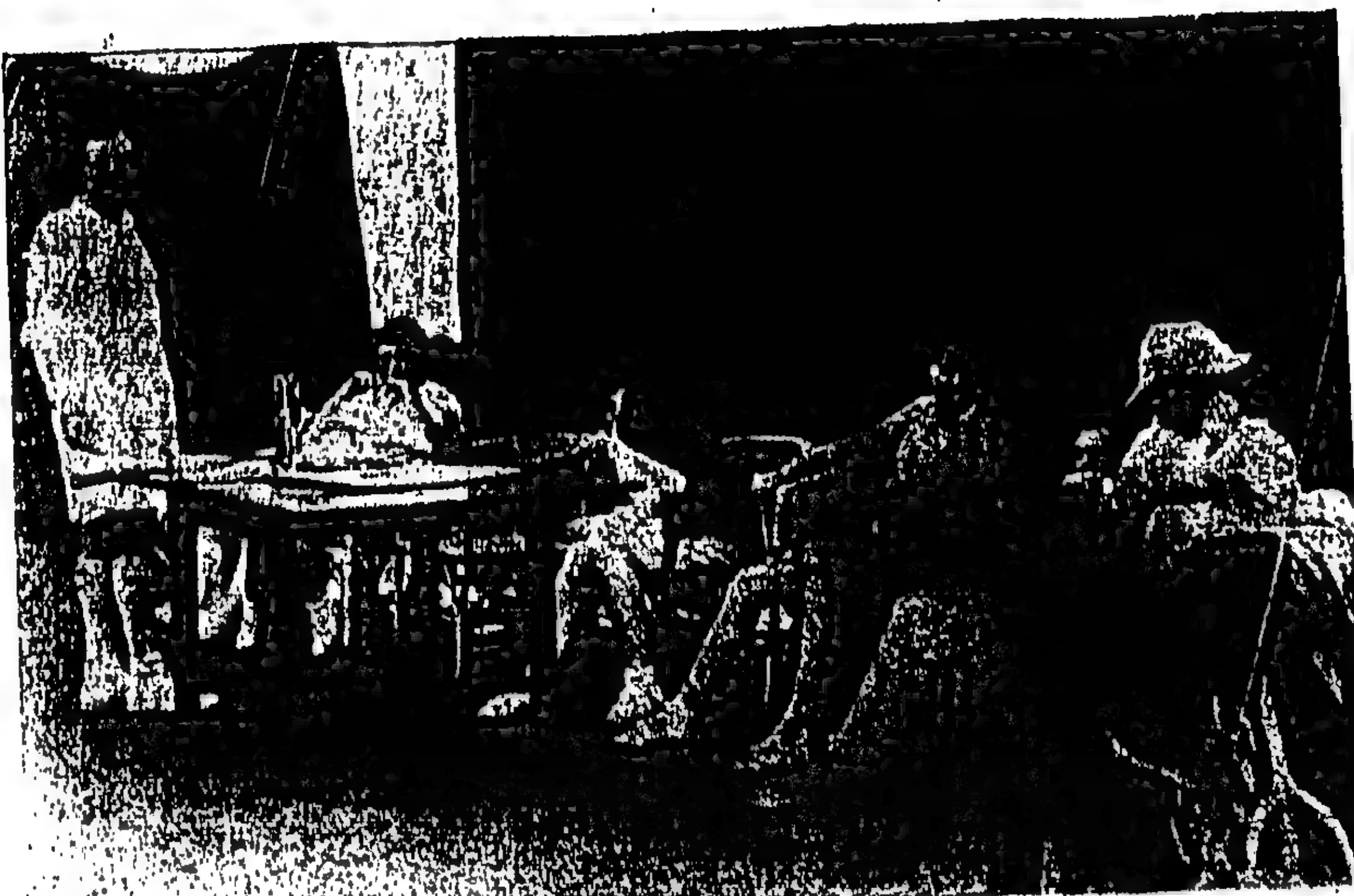
A group of spectators at the K.C.C. for the annual bowls match between Hong Kong and Kowloon.



Lady spectators at the Aitkenhead Shield Match, won by Kowloon on Saturday.



W. Ward and S. Eccleshall at the K.C.C. on Saturday when the Aitkenhead Shield match was played.



Competitors taking a breather at the H.K.C.C. on Sunday when an American Tournament for the War Organisation Fund was held.



Photo taken in the friendly hockey game between the C.B.A. and St. Andrew's. Miss Doughty is on the extreme left and Miss Newman in the centre.



The softball team of the H.K. Ball Club, taken at Caroline Hill last week-end.

DENYER BOWLS WELL AGAIN

ROYAL ENGINEERS beat Royal Air Force by 62 runs in a friendly cricket match, played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Denyer's bowling was again successful and this very consistent bowler took 5 for 10.

R.E.				
L/Cpl. Shaw, b Nancarrow	33			
Sgt. Carpenter, lbw., b Gillespie	0			
Spr. Ratcliffe, c New, b Nancarrow	10			
Spr. Heath, b Nancarrow	0			
Q.M.S. Moreton, c New, b Nancarrow	15			
Capt. Freeman, run out	1			
Sgt. Denyer, c Gillespie, b New	2			
Spr. Bailey, lbw., b Nancarrow	1			
Sgt. Shipp, b Waddington	18			
L/Cpl. Waite, b Gillespie	0			
Capt. Grose, not out	23			
Extras (B3)	10			
Total	118			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Waddington	4	1	15	1
Gillespie	4	0	24	5
Nancarrow	7	1	44	5
New	8	0	22	1

R.A.F.				
P/O New, c and b Moreton	0			
P/O Nancarrow, c Bailey, b Ratcliffe	8			
J. Waddington, c Denyer, b Ratcliffe	5			
A. R. Palling, b Denyer	8			
G. M. King, c Shaw, b Denyer	5			
T. F. Wright, c Waite, b Shaw	2			
F. J. Harrison, b Denyer	0			
T. Lillie, lbw., b Moreton	12			
J. Bartlett, c Bailey, b Denyer	2			
J. Pennington, b Denyer	0			
M. Gillespie, not out	6			
Extras (W1, B1, LB4)	6			
Total	60			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Moreton	4	1	15	1
Ratcliffe	4	0	24	5
Shaw	7	1	44	5
Denyer	8	0	22	1

NEW'S FINE INNINGS

Royal Air Force drew with the Hong Kong University in a friendly cricket played at Pokfulam on Wednesday. P/O New hit 12 fours and a five in his 60. With P/O Nancarrow, he added 69 for the first wicket.

R.A.F.				
P/O New, b Gegg	60			
P/O Nancarrow, c Tam, b Matthews	28			
C. Waddington, lbw., b Singh	1			
A. R. Palling, b Gegg	2			
G. M. King, c Tam, b Matthews	1			
F. J. Harrison, c Matthews, b Gegg	7			
T. Lillie, b Matthews	13			
J. Bartlett, c Gegg, b Matthews	20			
J. Pennington, b Singh	4			
T. F. Wright, c Matthews, b Gegg	0			
M. Gillespie, not out	0			
Extras (B1, LB1, W3)	17			
Total	150			

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gegg	9	0	54	4
Lo	2	0	15	0
Singh	5	2	36	2
Matthews	8	0	36	4

H.K.U.C.C.

K. Y. Tam, c Lillie, b Waddington	11
C. N. Matthews, b New	34
W. S. Gegg, c Nancarrow, b Gillespie	1
Kenneth, Lo, b Gillespie	2
R. Singh, c and b New	12
V. Lingam, not out	21
J. Fenton, c Harrison, b Nancarrow	5
O. V. Cheung, b New	0
Chin Thian Sien, lbw., b New	23
Ameerall, not out	5
Extras (B6, LB2, NB4)	12
Total (for 8 wickets)	129
C. W. Hool did not bat	

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Waddington	4	1	15	1
Gillespie	4	0	24	5
Nancarrow	7	1	44	5
New	8	0	22	1

LAWN BOWLS NOTES

EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS AT K.C.C. FOR AITKENHEAD SHIELD

Keen Game With Unusually Close Result

Munro's Fine Effort Against Macfarlane

(By "SKIP")

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE Aitkenhead Shield match, which was played at Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, were excellent; the lay-out of the grounds was admirably designed and the idea of flying the flag of every club in the Association added a delightful touch to the decorations.

Mr. Jack Brown and his co-workers have every reason to be pleased with their work. Unfortunately H.E. the Governor was unable to be present but Sir Atholl Macgregor, a very keen bowler, attended and at the conclusion of the match presented the spoons to the skips of the Kowloon side.

The game was very evenly contested and the result was probably as close as any of the matches to date, no more than eight shots separating the scores at the finish.

Hong Kong began well and had a lead of nearly a dozen after five heads. But then Kowloon began to pick up and steadily overtook the Islanders, at one time having a lead of over 20 shots.

MUNRO'S FINE WIN

One of the biggest surprises, as well as one of the biggest wins of the day, was secured by Donald Munro, who got home by 13 shots. Deputising for Chalmers who was unable to get away, he always had the better of Willie Macfarlane whom he actually led by over 20 shots at the half way stage.

The Kowloon rink was quite outplayed here but Teddy Fincher managed to beat Dallah by a small margin, after a close game all through.

The third men, Joe Fraser and D. M. Khan caught the eye most on this rink but it was the lead and second man who were mainly responsible for Joe Meyer's narrow win over Arthur Grimmit, who scored three fours and a three.

Willie Walker was in great form and quite mastered Jack Howell whilst Tom Robson, after the first few heads, consolidated the position. Grimmit was the best of his side, one lovely shot trailing the jack to secure one of the fours to which I have referred.

The Prison Officers' rink, skipped by Jillett, surprised me by beating F. X. Soares' four from the Club de Re-

creio. The former had the lead all the way until the Kowloon men secured a five to draw level just before the interval, but the latter scored only three shots subsequently and lost by seven.

On the next rink "Jock" Shaw played very well as lead to Arnold Brooks-bank and it was chiefly due to him that the rink was able to overcome Vic Chittenden's K.F.C. four by a dozen shots, although the other three all pulled their weight.

Johnny Kempton's 33 was the biggest total of the day and he had the best win when he overcame Jack Hollidge by 16 shots; his men were all over the opposition and the home skip was again brilliant. TWO BIG WINS DECIDE ISSUE

Over on the new green, which I am told was rather difficult to "get," there were some close games, and also two big wins, Kowloon securing these two to turn the tide, as they were down by eight shots on the old green.

Incidentally, I might mention that if the scores as published in the press are correct, Kowloon won by 13 shots and not eight, as there appears to be an error in the addition. It matters little.

Bob Duncan and Dick Basa were only three apart at the finish, the Mainlander having the advantage. Luigi Sousa was unable to play and his place was taken by Razack who played quite a useful game against R. P. Phillips. It was Alf. Coates, however, who caught the eye most on the Hong Kong side, just as Bob Duncan was the outstanding player on the Kowloon Rink.

John Basto had one of the best results of the day in beating the burly Mair quite comfortably. He was in grand form as was Chico Ribeiro (again!) as his third man.

Lionel Lammert did well for Bebbington in the game against Bill Field whilst the visiting skip was splendid with his heavy shots, all of which went right.

LEADS SHINE

Frank Goodwin, on his home green, beat Jock Fender as I expected, there being nearly a dozen in his favour at the finish, but Harry Gittins and Louis de Rome had a rare tussle before the latter scraped home by a singleton. Both Kew and Padgett, the leads, shone in this game, as did the skips, of whom the Electrician was slightly the better; he had not as much support as his opponent, both "Jimmy" Wild and Brown being rather out of form.

The latter's falling was too much weight.

The battle of the giants proved to be as interesting as was expected and it required the big count of seven for Carlos Silva to beat B. W. Bradbury by only four shots.

"Irritating" Incidents In Gutierrez Shield Tie

(By "SKIP")

The Semi-final matches in the Gutierrez International Shield competition which took place at Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday, were of two absolutely different types.

That between Scotland and India was played in a quiet almost business-like way with hardly a word from any of the players: the other one, which, beginning at 3 p.m. sharp, dragged on until nearly dark, was unusually noisy, and irritating incidents were not infrequent.

By way of further contrast I would add that the standard of bowls in the former match was far higher than was the case in the other one.

The margin of shots in both cases was the same but at one time it looked as if Switzerland were going to trounce England badly. That the former deserved to win no-one who saw the match will gainsay; that the margin was not greater was, I thought, due to an error of tactics on the part of their skip.

A TRANSITION

With the score 20-8 in his favour at about the 15th head, England were counting at least four when he went to play; yet he drove, and missed with both his shots and with Bradbury content to draw steadily, a count of six went to the English side!

This transition caused some interest to come into the game and when England put on a three at the next head, there were prospects of a good finish.

Three behind and four heads to go it looked as if England might be able to pull it off.

A couple of singles at the next two heads saw them trailing by

only one and Sam Randle appeared to make things safe on the penultimate head when he landed his first wood right on top of the kitty.

Draw and block was the order of the day until Joe Landolt put up a steamy one to disturb the head though England still had it. Alf Hall tried to draw a second but was short whilst "Brad" was too narrow. Charlie Rosselet, having the best back woods, tried to force the kitty into the ditch and after just missing with his first, brilliantly achieved his object with the next wood.

As he had only the jack to hit, the nearest wood being two feet away, it was a remarkably good shot and merited the applause which it received. Switzerland got three out of it—and the match, for England never looked like securing the necessary five to win on the last head.

QUEER ANTICS

Sam Randle came back to form and beat Naef most of the time, as was to be expected, but Gaddi had the edge on Frank Goodwin who was off his game and like most of the others, apart from the chief actors, was upset by the antics (there is no other word for it) on both sides.

Joe Landolt was better than Hall and his shot on the 20th head was a peach, whilst Charlie Rosselet played throughout with a quiet confidence and outshone his opposite number.



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HUMBLE pie is never a very digestible morsel and no one likes eating it! I am very much afraid, however, that I am forced to do so in regard to my remarks a couple of weeks ago about the Billiards Championship final in which I stated that the Medicals had not a "dog's" chance of defeating the Volunteers.

On Wednesday the Medicals duly met, and what is more, defeated the Volunteers, by six games to two although the difference on aggregate was only just over 100 points, the final figures being 1451-1339.

I am not making excuses, the Medicals won deservedly and I congratulate them on beating the odds so successfully.

With two such fine teams in the Colony it is a wonder that some effort is not made to let the public have a look at them. Very few of the general public go to the Soldiers' Club to see the various championships.

I know the Volunteers were not too satisfied with their form on Wednesday, and I would very much like to see these teams opposed to each other again.

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HEADQUARTERS had to enlist the aid of one or two outside players for their match against C.B.S. on Wednesday on the latter's ground. It was a great day for cricket, and, as

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

the Headquarter side were considerably strengthened by the inclusion of non-Headquarter people, a keen game was anticipated.

However, the game was not as close as expected, Headquarters easily overcoming the schoolboys.

Headquarters batted first and scored 209 for six before declaring. Captain Grose and Sgt. Denyer were the most prolific scorers, the former gathering 63 before being caught by Meffan, and the latter scoring 48, whilst Colonel Rogers was undefeated with 31 runs to his credit.

The schoolboys who were without Pryde, their opening bat, failed miserably with the bat, when opposed to the bowling of Sgt. Denyer, and were all out for 55, Denyer taking five wickets for eight runs.

Captain Grose included twelve fours and a six in his contribution, whilst Denyer had ten fours.

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FIRST round of the Small Units' Hockey Knock-out has now been

completed and amongst the teams who have got through to the next round are A, D. and H. Q. Companies of the Rajputana Rifles, H. Q. and A. Company of the Kumaons, 20th R. A. and 22nd R. E.

H. Q. Company of the Rajputanas scored the heaviest victory, defeating 7th Bty. R. A. by six goals to one. 20th Bty. R. A. did very well indeed to defeat C. Company, Rajputana Rifles two to one, and a close game was seen when 22nd R. E. beat B Coy of the Royal Scots three goals to two. The next round should be quite an interesting affair and will probably produce the best games of the competition.

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ARMY have again obtained the use of the Radio Ground at Caroline Hill for Hockey games and this is a boon to Army units and allows a much fuller allotment of grounds to be given. The pitch is an excellent one and compares favourably with others in use by Army units.

A goalkeeper who is slowly but surely making his presence felt in local football is Perdue, now playing for 8th Hvy. R. A. He is somewhat handicapped by his small stature, but makes up for this by his really astounding agility and quickness, coupled with intelligent anticipation. I should not be surprised to find him looked on favourably by the Army selection committee this season.

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MILITARY Police are launching out on their own in the football sphere this year, and although they have not entered the League are playing many friendly matches. They have not been too successful as yet, but with more experience and practice should be able to weld a useful side together.

VOLUNTEER CRICKET XI

The following will represent the Volunteers at cricket against Navy on Sunday at King's Park commencing at 12 noon:—

R. M. M. King, D. J. N. Anderson, L. C. Baker, K. M. Baxter, E. A. Bompas, D. G. Day, E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. O. Parsons, E. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern.

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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

(By "STRIKE")

J. J. Sheehan, of U.S.S. Mindanao, did not have his score of 257 bettered during October and therefore has his name engraved on the Watson Shield and will receive a replica of the trophy, besides having his name recorded on the Alley record board.

Sheehan is actually a comparative newcomer to the game, not having taken it up since he came to the Colony.

Last week I referred to his excellent achievement in scoring 257. I believe, however, that he has done even better than this. On the 26th of last month he played a series of five successive games and scored as follows:—201, 227, 214 and 203 or an average of 210 pins for five games. This, I believe, constitutes a record for the Alleys.

As far as I can ascertain the nearest approaches are Ernie Hearther's 203 for three games in April and D. Venezia's 190 for five games in September.

THE MONTH'S HONOURS

Records for the month of October for "Duck-Pins" and Ten-Pins are as follows:—

Ten-Pins—191 (Ladies), Mrs. P. Beresford; 257 (Men), J. J. Sheehan.
Duck-Pins—109 (Ladies), Mrs. J. S. Landolt; 142 (Men), R. H. Tidd.

ASHVILLE COMING

U.S.S. Ashville is expected to arrive in port to-day and as U.S.S. Mindanao is already in port, it is expected that the opportunity will be taken of arranging a match between these two fine bowling ships.

The achievements of Sam Golden and his men are already known in these columns but, owing to the fact that their visits are most infrequent, the capabilities of the Ashville "experts" are not so well known although they certainly have more than an average side.

They played "The Champs" in September and only lost by the narrow margin of 110 pins.

Among their personnel are Harvey and Gray, who are not by any means unfamiliar to bowling fans, as keen, steady bowlers. Another bowler known to me is W. J. Balaski, who did fairly well against "The Champs."

FRIENDLY RIVALS

Doc Molthen started off this month very well chalking up a 238 on Wednesday. He was most unfortun-

WALKER AGAIN

(By "SKIP")

Scotland always seemed to have a little in hand against India and it was surprising that they did not win by more. Apart from Jimmy Chalmers, who was not as good as Hoosen, the Scots were better, man for man, than the Indians. Willie Walker was again outstanding and nothing seemed too difficult for him with the result that Hoosen's good work was usually nullified by the time the third man played. A. M. Omar was right off.

Fender played some brilliant shots, especially in the early stages, whilst Minu was good, if a trifle unlucky, with many of his woods.

Adam Holland played a crafty game and did not give Omar many opportunities but the latter, if brilliant at times, seemed to lack his usual fire.

ate in having two splits otherwise his score would have been the infinitely better one of 255.

There is great rivalry between Dick Venezia and Doc Molthen and as Venezia was playing with Doc on this occasion he was determined that the latter would not spring anything on him. Best he could do on Wednesday, however, was a 227 made up with a strike, a nine, a spare, a strike, a spare and a run out with five strikes in succession. It was a close call for the Doc!

TROPHIES

Aspirants for individual honours will be glad to learn that Messrs. Watson and Co. have donated a further 12 shields to be attached to the main one, thus insuring that top-scorers for each month will be catered for for another 12 months.

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SPORTS PARADE

THE following letter has been received which refers to an article published in this column on Wednesday:—

"I read with interest your reporter's report on the friendly hockey match which took place between Recreio Ladies and the D.G.S., and was surprised that he should give credence to such utter nonsense by publishing it.

"The allegations made by the D.G.S. girls were absurd! Any hockey umpire will tell you how nearly impossible it is, to referee a hockey match and at the same time coach a team!

"One of your reporters, was present, and I daresay he can testify that I did not utter one word of coaching, much less hold up the play to coach the Recreio Ladies what to do and how to do it! There are many among the impartial spectators, who will say the same thing."—Yours truly, J. GONSALVES.

MR. GONSALVES is pleased to wax indignant. He categorically denies the right of anyone but himself to have a point of view.

His attitude is that because he officiated at the game and has submitted a report to the Umpires' Association the offending team is as good as convicted!

I know that it is the duty of the Umpires' Association to stand by their officials as far as possible but I feel certain that they will make the fullest investigation, which will include evidence from the other side, in this instance.

I hold no brief for D.G.S. but in view of the misreporting of their action on Saturday, I felt that some effort should be made to clear up the matter.

With that end in view I went to considerable pains to secure as many versions as possible.

I published Mr. Gonsalves' version as he gave it to me. I also published the D.G.S. version as given me by a member of the team.

I commented on neither as the case is sub judice. I cannot see any justification for Mr. Gonsalves' allegation that the D.G.S. version is "utter nonsense" until it has been proved to be such.

CORRESPONDENCE

I TOLD YOU SO!

To The Editor,
China Mail.

With infinite satisfaction I commence a review on this week's Billiards and, in doing so, I gleefully invite Squaddy's attention to a certain match that took place at the Soldiers' Club on Wednesday. The R.A.M.C. opposed the H.K.V.D. Corps in the Final of the Soldiers' Club Tournament and, would you believe it Squaddy, the so-called "alternately brilliant and bad" overcame the "steadfast-side" with such ease that it calls for a complete revision of stock phrases. The "dog" turned out to be a greyhound or, as our representative in the Billiards Final remarked, "hot dog," and left the field behind, calling the tune at 6 games to 2 and winning the match by 112 lengths—or points. Incidentally, we were "slow from the trap," the Volunteers getting away with a lead of almost a hundred but, Oh! boy! you should have seen that dawg!

And now, to be a little more pointed, and with justified emphasis, I would suggest that Squaddy studies form in the various sports he criticises by attending events instead of, if he'll pardon my inference, relying upon second-hand information. Everyone appreciates healthy criticism but, in light of the fact that, correct me if I am wrong, Squaddy has never attended a billiard match this year in which the R.A.M.C. were playing, I am at least mildly surprised that he was able to form any opinion at all on their ability, and yet he reiterated with amazing confidence that the "Medicals" "did not have a dog's chance." Well! well! well!! How are the mighty fallen!

I apologise if I appear to be too unkind Squaddy, but I ask you? ? ?

Herewith results of the matches in the Finals of the Garrison Challenge Cup and the Soldiers' Club Tournament, played in the sequence indicated and, in conclusion, I must pay tribute to the finest player I have seen in the Soldiers' Club—L/Cpl. Pereira, H.K.V.D.C.—who delighted everyone on Wednesday night with the effortless yet effective ease with which he plays, and to Captain Sequera and the rest of his team whose sporting spirit was a pleasing feature of the evening.

GARRISON CHALLENGE CUP

R.A.M.C. 'HQ' Coy., 2/Royal Scots.

Sgt. Terran (27).....150	Pte. Fowler 84
Sgt. Doyle..... 52	Pte. Jenkins (43) 150
Lt. Dixon (23).....150	C.S.M. Gibson144
Cpl. Harvey.....150	Pte. Gordon143
Sgt. Wyre.....150	Pte. Laird 82
Cpl. Hildyard.....150	L/C. Octon135
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INDIGNANT MEDICAL

EXPLOSION SHOTS MOST POPULAR

By BEST BALL

Explosion shots seem to be the popular mode of escaping from the sand traps even in the professional ranks, judging from the P.G.A. championship contestants. Yes, even the experts get into difficulties once in awhile as the above illustration of Ben Hogan, White Plains pro, will testify. But with the specialized clubs now in vogue for each and every shot including the sand blaster, dynamiter or what have you, the explosion shot is the safest way of getting out of such trouble.

GRAPHIC GOLF

KEEP SWINGING IN EXPLOSION SHOTS



BLOW MUST BE DECISIVE, GRIP FIRM, TO KEEP CUTTING THROUGH SAND

7-25

There is a definite technique of course, hitting the sand a couple of inches back of the ball and ploughing through it until both sand and ball are lifted by the upheaval. To accomplish this a decisive blow is needed, a firm grip maintained to keep the club-head from turning, plus a definite maintenance of the swinging momentum throughout. It is harder to gauge the exact placement of the ball than it would be for a chip shot for example. Yet the chip shot requires a more precise stroke in execution and the lie must be just right for good results. There is always the chance that a few grains of sand on the clubface may spoil the accuracy of the blow. For this reason many pros ignore the shot completely and keep blasting away instead.

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The Shows:
London Relay

6.00 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
Fox-Trot—A Rendezvous With A Dream (film 'Poppy'); Waltz—It's A Sin To Tell A Lie.....George Hall & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Le Tue Carezze; Broken-Hearted Clown.....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Looking Around Corners for You (from 'Head over Heels'); May I Have The Next Romance? (from 'Head over Heels').....Ambrose & His Orch.
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Tango—Majanah; Waltz—The Dawn of Love.....Dajos Bela Dance Orch.
Fox-Trots—It's Easy to Remember (film 'Mississippi'); Soon (film 'Mississippi').....Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians.
Quickstep—Diddle-Dum-Dee; Fox-

Trot—Goody-Goody..... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Saving Up My Time To Spend On You.....Ambrose & His Orchestra.
6.55 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.57 p.m.—Resplendence—The Birds—Suite. Brussels Royal Conservatoire Orchestra conducted by Desire Defauw.
7.10 p.m.—Songs by Oscar Natzke (Bass).
Pilgrim's Song (Tchaikowsky); Myself When Young (from 'In a Persian Garden'—Lehmann); The Village Blacksmith (Longfellow-Weiss).
7.24 p.m.—Violin and Piano Solos.
Romance In F (Beethoven, Op. 50).....Paul Kaul (Violin) with Godfrey Andolfi at the Piano.
Viennese Dance No. 2 (Friedman-Gaertner); Viennese Dance No. 6 (Friedman-Gaertner)..... Ignaz Friedman (Piano).
Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso (Saint-Saens, Op. 28).....Alfredo Campoli (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.
Rondo Brilliant—La Gaité (Weber); Three Ecossaises (Chopin, Op. 72).....Ania Dorfmann (Piano).
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Next week's programme.
8.07 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto in D Minor. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.
8.35 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Luba Shaffain.
1. Rondo (Hummel).
2. (a) Andante (Mendelssohn).
(b) Capriccio (Mendelssohn).
3. Moment Musical (Schubert).
4. Impromptu (Scriabin).
5. Prelude in G Minor (Rachmaninoff).
6. Castilla (Albeniz).
7. Rush Hour in Hong Kong (Chasins).
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.
Wee Willie Winkie (Robertson); There's Nae Luck About The Hoose (arr. Macpherson & Pentland).....Boyd Steven (Soprano) (Soprano) with Piano.

Triumph (Traditional)..... Scotch Country Dance Orchestra cond. by J. Michael Diack.
Always Take Care of Your Pennies (Lauder); It's A' Roon Th' Toon (Lauder).....Sir Harry Lauder (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Medley of Reels (arr. Diack); Medley of Strathspeys (arr. Diack)..... Scottish Country Dance Orchestra cond. by J. Michael Diack.
Kirkcubbin Lea (arr. Moffat); Johnnie Cope..... Philip Malcolm (Baritone) with Piano.
10.00 p.m.—Cinema Organ Solos by Reginald Dixon.
Mississippi—Film Selection (Rodgers); Naughty Marietta—Film Selection (Herbert); Curly Top—Film Selection; Broadway Melody of 1936—Film Selection.
10.15 p.m.—London Relay — "Songs from the Shows", with Jessie Matthews and Sonnie Hale. Compered by John Watt.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

Hand layout showing cards for West, North, East, and South. West is the dealer. The cards are as follows:
West: ♠ 10 9 7 5 3, ♥ J 8 5, ♦ K J 9 8 3, ♣ A 10 5.
North: ♠ A K J 10, ♥ 5 4 3, ♦ A K 7 4, ♣ A 10 5.
East: ♠ 8 7, ♥ A K Q J, ♦ 6 5 4, ♣ 8 7 6 5.
South: ♠ 6 5 4, ♥ Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2, ♦ 2, ♣ 8 7 6 5.

The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ 3♣ 2♠ 3♥
3♠ Pass 4♣ Dbl.
Redbl. 5♥ Pass Pass
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

The only excuse for North's overcall was the heat. South was fully justified in his three-heart bid. Then, when Mr. Crawford bid four clubs, suggesting Slam possibilities, South doubled to tell his partner that he had a lot of clubs. Now Mr. Jacoby, knowing that Mr. Crawford might be making a fake cue-bid, redoubled to show he had the club Ace. Convinced that his opponents had a Slam, North made the "brilliant" bid of five hearts. Mr. Crawford, however, was not convinced he had a Slam, and hence passed five hearts, knowing Mr. Jacoby would take action. Now, since his opponents were vulnerable,

Mr. Jacoby saw the chance for a big set and doubled.

Mr. Jacoby opened the Ace of clubs and continued the suit, Mr. Crawford trumping the second lead and putting his partner back in with a diamond. A third club was now ruffed and the King of diamonds cashed, whereupon Declarer was down 800. Furthermore, East and West had no Slam. It was necessary for them to lose both a heart and a diamond trick.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and held:

Hand layout showing cards for Maier:
♠ J 10 9 7
♥ A J 10 8
♦ 5 7 4
♣ 8 2

The bidding:

Jacoby You Schenken Maier
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: Your correct lead is the Jack of spades. This lead will certainly not cost a trick and is preferable to leading from your heart tenace.

Score 100% for Jack of spades; 50% for Jack of hearts, 0 for other leads. (There is no point to a short suit opening on this hand).

QUESTION NO: 248

Howard Schenken is your partner, neither side is vulnerable and you hold:

Hand layout showing cards for Schenken:
♠ K J
♥ K J
♦ A J
♣ K J

The bidding:

Jacoby Schenken Burnstone You
1♠ 3♥ Pass (1)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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HOCKEY MEETING

CHARITY GAME ARRANGED FOR WAR FUND

At the meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Hockey Association yesterday it was decided to stage a charity hockey game between the Services and the Civilians on December 3, in aid of British War Organisation Fund.

It was also agreed that the Hong Kong Ladies' Association be invited to provide the curtain-raiser by arranging for a Ladies' game to be played between the Mainland and the Island.

The application of the Kalsa Silk Divan Hockey Club for affiliation was granted but the meeting again refused to grant affiliation to the Chantecler Club, unless they changed their name.

It was stated by the Hon. Secretary that though he had written to Macao inviting them to visit the Colony for the annual Interport game in February no reply had yet been received.



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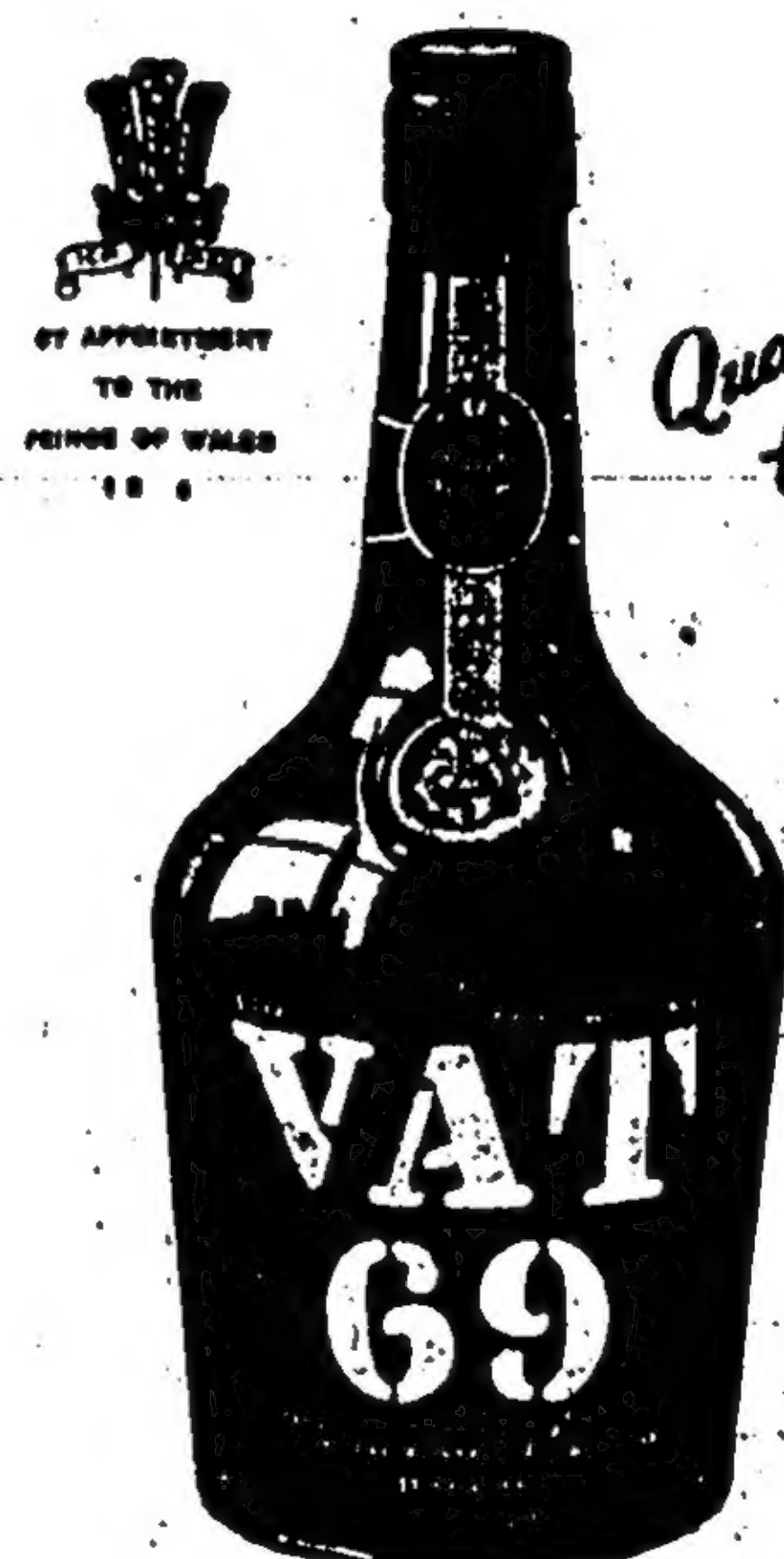
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The nature of the proposals has been kept a secret, but Fu Siao-en told pressmen that he hoped that the negotiations now proceeding between the parties concerned would lead to results.

In the meantime, Settlement officials point out that the Council is not attempting to reach a permanent agreement, but only some temporary arrangement which may end the friction and ensure the preservation of law and order. — Reuter.

MUITSAI'S STORY

A 23-year-old Chinese woman, Chan Po-chan, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with keeping an unregistered muitsai.

The girl said she was given a dollar or two every month by defendant, but defendant's husband took her money away.

The case was adjourned for further enquiries.

ST. JOHN MEDALS

Mr. A. Morris has received a communication from the St. John Ambulance Brigade Headquarters an-

ROYAL SCOTS OFFICER SUMMONED

LIEUT. N. DOVLY, ROYAL SCOTS, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. R. A. D. FORREST THIS MORNING, FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE HIS DRIVING LICENCE WHEN CALLED UPON, AND FOR LEAVING HIS CAR UNATTENDED IN CHATER ROAD.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Constable D148 said that he saw the car outside the C.P.R. at about 3 p.m. At about 4.30 p.m., he saw defendant return. When asked for his licence, defendant said he did not have it with him. He asked defendant to sign in his note book, but defendant refused and drove away.

Defendant said he was told to park there by an officer of the Automobile Association. A notice there stated that vehicles are allowed to park for two hours.

Defendant was fined \$5 and \$15.

TAXI DRIVER FINED

Lam Shiu, taxi driver, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for dangerous driving.

Inspector F. J. Clarke said that at about 1.40 a.m. on October 12 he was called to an accident in Queen's Road East near Garden Road. Defendant drove past the wreck on the right hand side of the road. There was sufficient room for him to pass on the left. Defendant, called on to stop, but kept on driving.

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(SPECIAL WAR SERVICE)

London, To-day. "I am proud to have met such men," declared the King, after concluding his two days' tour of R.A.F. stations.

His Majesty received from the men themselves accounts of flights over Cuxhaven, Berlin, Potsdam and South Germany, and inspected every type of aircraft.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL WAR SERVICE)

Paris, To-day. A French commentator says that faced with the present uncertainty, the French General Staff has sent out patrols on the Alsace front, in an effort to discover what the enemy is doing.

This is the first time this front has been active since October 15, on the eve of the German attack between the Saar and the Moselle.

Small groups of French patrols are active along the whole of this front.

The Germans have started operating a powerful broadcasting station near Saarbrücken, broadcasting in French and chiefly defaming Britain.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL WAR SERVICE)

London, To-day. Three German seamen, after being six and a half days in an open lifeboat, attempting to cross the sea from Scotland, were landed to-day in Scotland from a trawler which picked them up in a distressed condition.

It is believed they were members of the crew of a ship being held up for Contraband inspection.

Under cover of darkness, they managed to launch a ship's boat and battling with heavy seas, got several hundred miles before being swept back to the Scottish coast.—Reuter.

H.K.V.D.C. CAMPS

The first camp of the Volunteers, in which certain units will be out for a week, commences next week. At the week-end, His Excellency the Governor, who will be at Fanling Lodge, proposes to see the Corps at work.

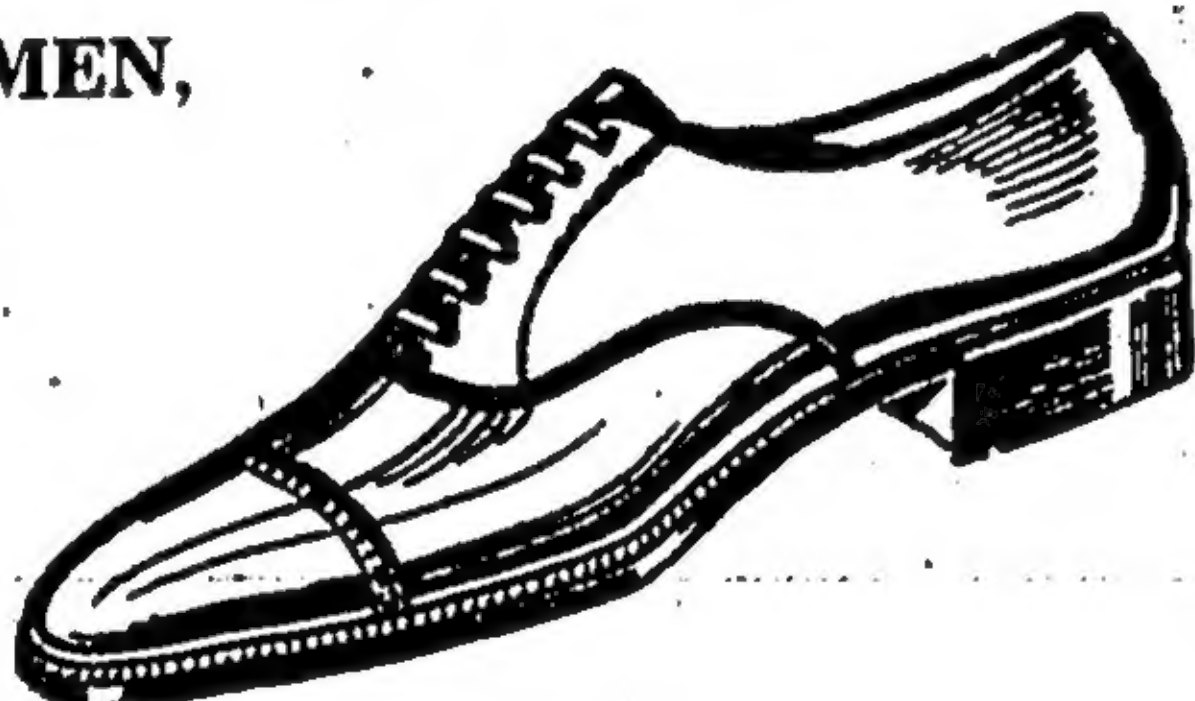
CHINESE ATTACK WUNING

Shanghai, To-day. Chinese troops launched a surprise attack on Wuning at daybreak yesterday. They broke through the Japanese defence lines and inflicted many casualties.

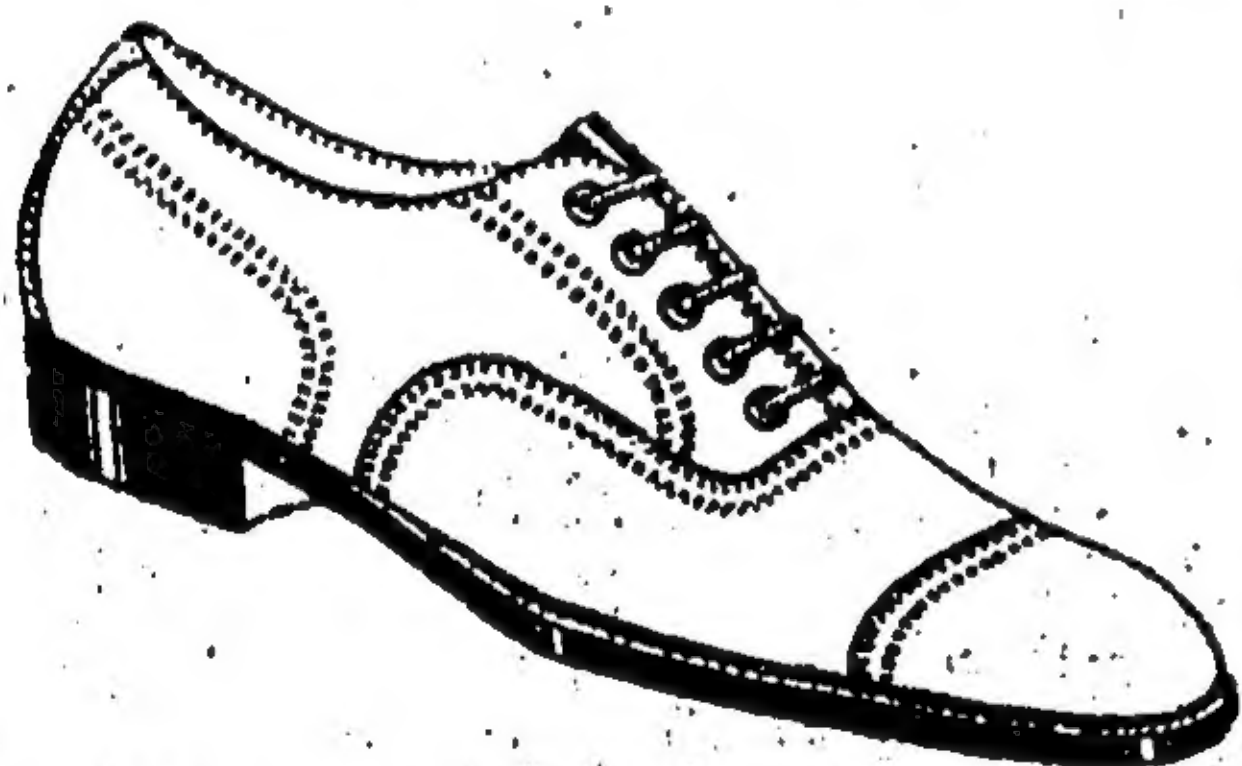
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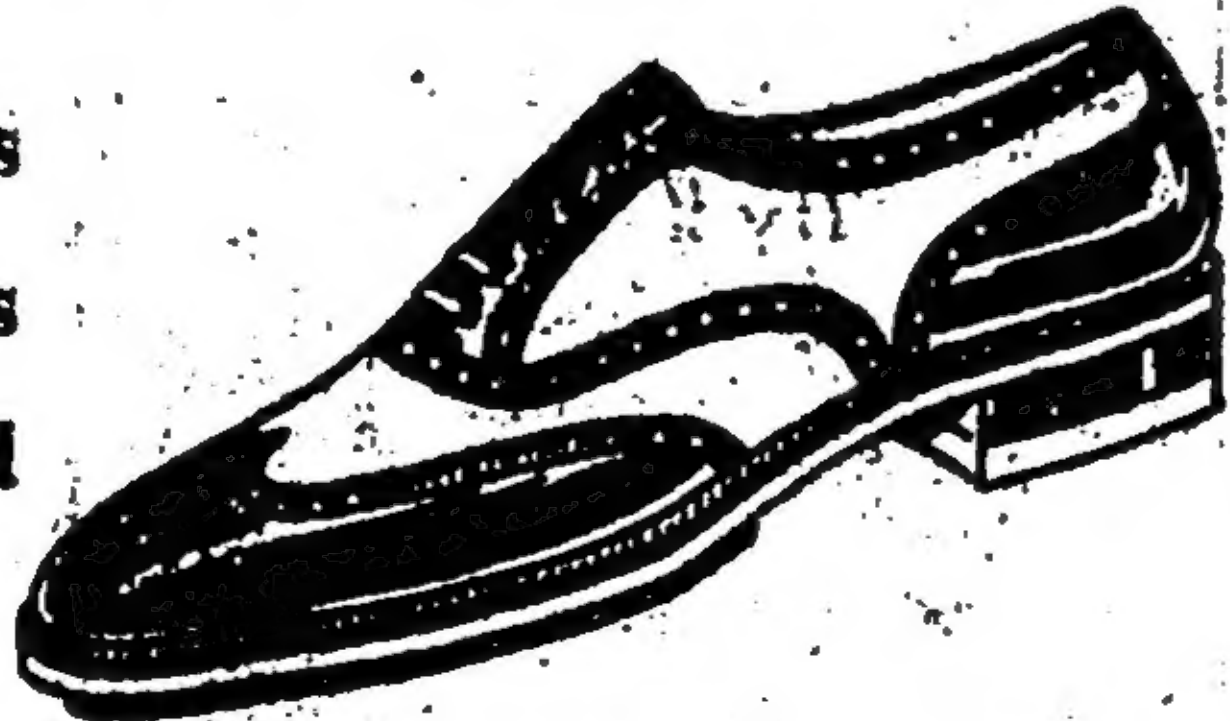


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